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Council u-turn over funding gives family centre a lifeline



• Councillor Samantha Bowring has fought long and hard for South Abingdon Children's Centre

By Eva Astreinidou

THE under-threat South Abingdon Children's Centre could be saved by £30,000 from Abingdon Town Council should they devise the right business plan for staying open thereafter.

Abingdon Town Council pledged to provide the centre with £30,000 a year for the next three years to help save it from closure after Oxfordshire County Council cut funding.

The South Abingdon centre, which has one of the country's most deprived areas within its catchment, was one of 31 out of the county's 41 centres that were due to have funding cut in March.

In October 2016, Abingdon Town Council turned down a proposal to support the centre with a £60,000 grant.

The proposal, which was initially put forward in July 2016, split the council, with Lib Dems voting for and Conservatives against.

Town councillor Monica Lovatt defended the council's position at the time, saying: "We are very aware of the children's centre and the need to keep it open.

"But £60,000 is a big ask when we are a small council, and it's not as if we have slammed the door on children's centres, they can still apply for a community grant."

Last Friday she said: "I have been a member of the Abingdon Children's Centre Advisory Group since 2011 and know the valuable work that they do particularly for those living in South Abingdon and the families at Dalton Barracks. I am a fully committed supporter.

As long as we can demonstrate that we have most of the costs covered we can then qualify for future grants

Councillor Samantha Bowring at South Abingdon Children's Centre

“Abingdon Town Council was approached to give £60,000 for five years with no paperwork/formal application, which is a lot of money to commit to with the pressures that the Town budget has.

“We have now agreed to set aside £30,000 for three years awaiting a

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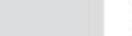
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Majority of county homes are 'simply unaffordable'

By George Welch and
Eva Astreinidou

'HOUSING in Oxfordshire is simply unaffordable for many people.'

That's the message from a housing association chief after it was revealed the average price of a house in the county now costs 12.3 times the average salary.

The National Housing Federation's South East Home Truths 2016/17 report shows the average price in Oxfordshire is £380,526 while the average earnings are £30,846.

The report also reveals the average rental property in Oxford costs £1,206 per month, meaning an outgoing of half most people's salary.

The figures come as a Govern-

ment White Paper was unveiled announcing plans for £3billion to build more affordable homes after ministers admitted England's housing market is "broken".

Plans to fix the country's housing crisis were revealed by Communities Secretary Sajid Javid on Tuesday after the Government admitted to lagging behind its schedule of building 250,000 homes a year.

The Government's new housing strategy for England, as outlined in the White Paper, aims to get the right homes built in the right places, speed up house building and to diversify the market.

To do this, local councils would be forced to produce an up-to-date plan for housing demand and would be given greater powers to pressure developers to start building on land they own.

The £3bn funding pot would also help smaller building firms challenge major developers, as 60 per cent of new homes are currently built by just 10 big building firms.

With prices continuing to skyrocket, if we don't act now, a whole generation could be left behind

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid

Outlining the plans, Mr Javid said: "Walk down your local high street today and there's one sight you're almost certain to see. Young people, faces pressed against the estate agent's window, trying and failing to find a home they can afford.

"With prices continuing to skyrocket, if we don't act now, a whole generation could be left behind. We need to do better, and that means tackling the failures at every point in the system.

"The housing market in this country is broken and the solution means building many more houses in the places that people want to live."

In Oxford, the average house cost is £471,599, 16 times the average salary of £29,406, while in south Oxfordshire, an average house costs £441,889 - 12.5 times the district's average income.

Didcot-based Soha Housing said the report proves "that there is an acute housing crisis in the region".

Chief executive of Soha Housing, Richard Peacock, added: "This report evidences what we all know - that housing in

Oxfordshire is simply unaffordable for many people."

In West Oxfordshire, where salaries average £27,862, the typical worker would need a £50,582 pay rise (181 per cent) to get a mortgage for an average home in the district, according to Cottsway Housing Association Ltd.

The Government has also committed to protecting green belt land, which can only be built on "in exceptional circumstances".

The Government White Paper comes a week after Mr Javid announced a cash boost of £24.16 million for Oxfordshire to help create jobs, support businesses and encourage growth.

OXLEP CEO Nigel Tipple said the growth deal will provide "real opportunity for Oxfordshire to continue to drive economic growth locally and nationally".

MP's visit to hospital highlights cancer research

OXFORD West and Abingdon MP and health minister Nicola Blackwood visited an Oxford hospital on World Cancer Day to highlight the importance of UK scientific research in beating cancer.

Ms Blackwood visited the Oxford Cancer Centre at Church-

Hospital on Saturday to see state-of-the-art clinical trials, the National Institute for Health Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) and facilities for new cancer treatments and patients.

She said that, with the UK being a world leader in medical research, there is nowhere else

more important than in the fight against cancer.

"The UK is among the very best in the world for medical and health research, and Oxford will be at the forefront of Britain's post-Brexit scientific success," she said.

"Oxford has a proud tradi-

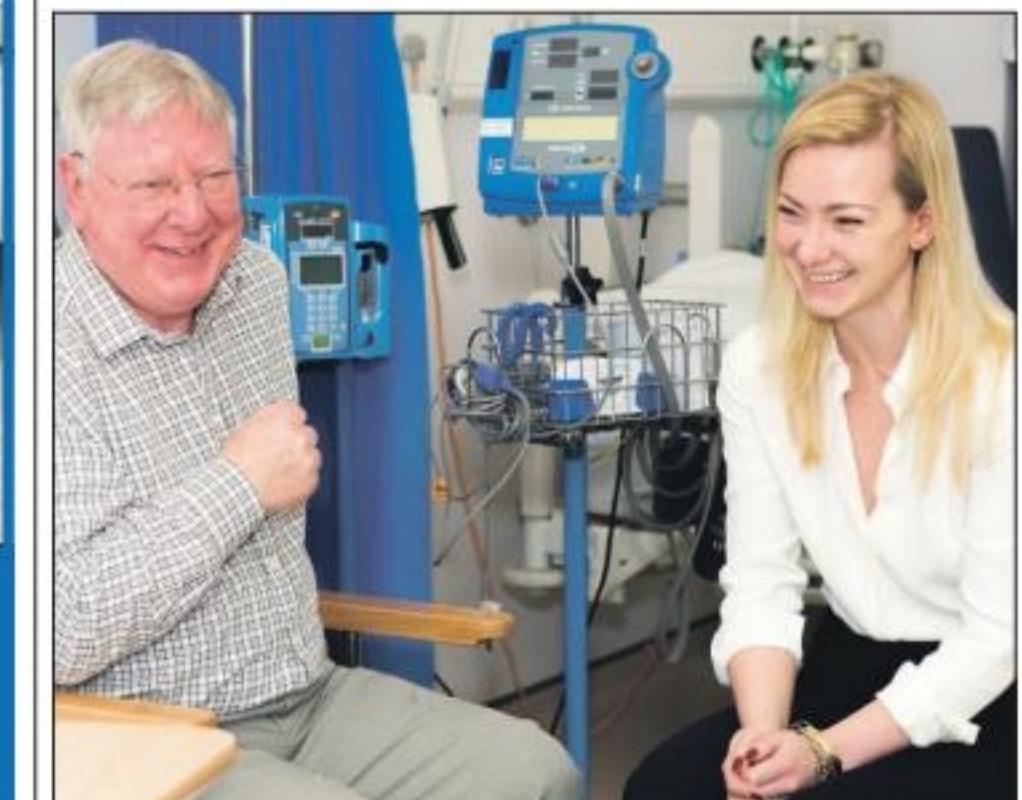
tion of being at the heart of our BRC director, said: "We were pleased to host the minister's visit and delighted that she

could see examples of the wide range of cutting edge research in cancer, from new discoveries in genetics through to patients receiving world-first drugs in clinical trials."

Prof Keith Channon, Oxford



• Nicola Blackwood MP chats with patients at the Oxford Cancer Centre at Churchill Hospital where she praised the facilities and treatments



Earth Trust improvement plans given the green light

By Eva Astreinidou

THE Earth Trust's planning application to make improvements to its facilities has been approved after 'overwhelming and humbling' support.

The South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) Planning Committee approved the application for the centre in Little Wittenham on Wednesday last week.

The plans include a new skills and learning building, improvements to the farmyard, a 'much demanded' café and farm shop specialising in local produce from the farm, and new car parking areas.

Jayne Manley, chief executive of the Earth Trust said: "This is fantastic news for everyone who enjoys this special place.

"Every visitor: be they a walker or a family sharing a picnic; a child on a school trip; or a volunteer helping us look after this special place, they I have come across.

will all benefit from the planned improvements once they are in place.

"The support shown for the Earth Trust last night was overwhelming and humbling – a reminder that treasured childhood memories of exploring, playing and being outdoors can lead to a long term love of the environment and the countryside to the extent that people do want to do something to look after it."

The group added: "We are delighted it was recognised that the plans will ensure the continued protection of this ancient and iconic landscape, whilst also improving and enhancing the experience for visitors."

Councillor Lynda Atkins, county councillor for Wallingford and the Wittenhams, said:

"The Earth Trust plans are the result of probably the most comprehensive and genuinely engaging consultation process I have come across.

"They listened to what was said before incorporating the results into their plans, making some fairly significant changes along the way."

With more homes and businesses planned within South Oxfordshire, the centre predicts that visitor numbers will continue to increase in the future.

The community was divided over the development plans.

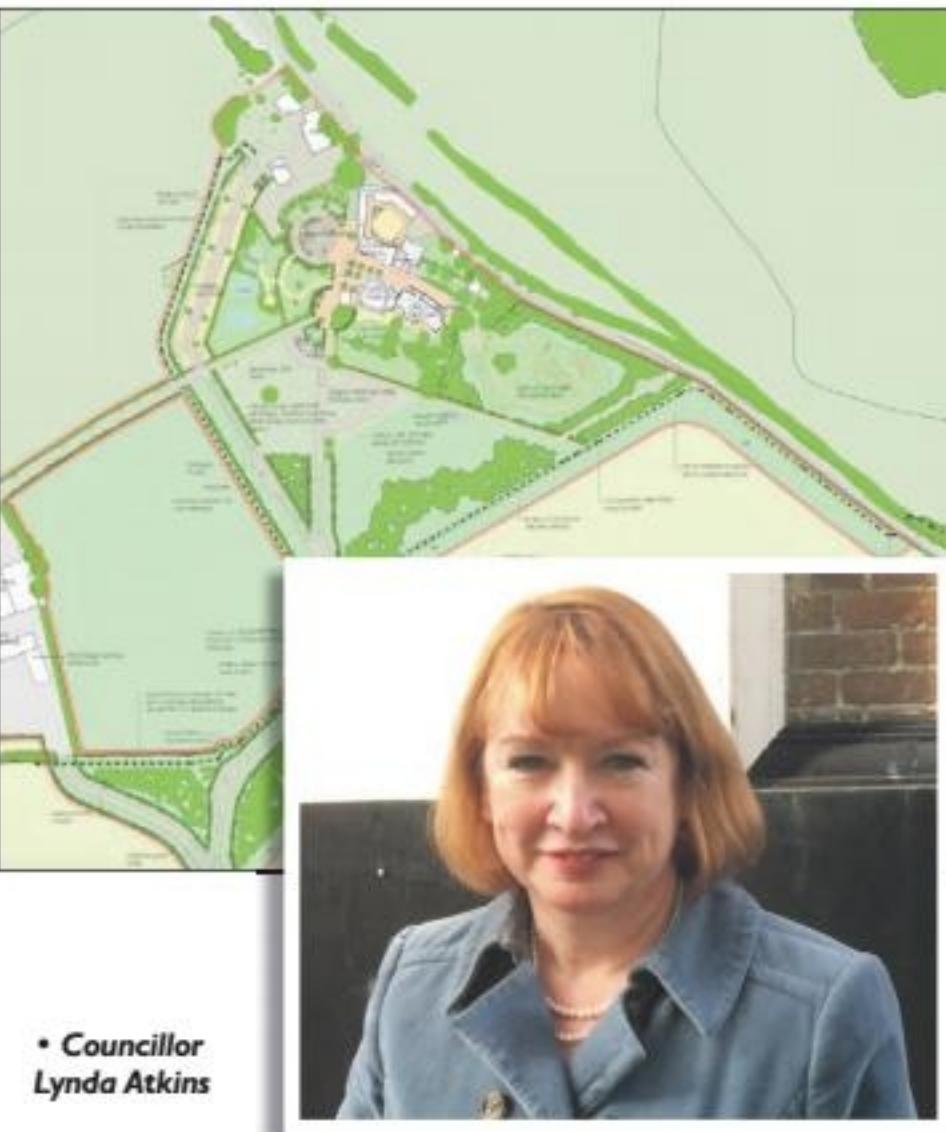
The Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds of the 'effect on historic landscape'.

Little Wittenham Parish Council approved of the application with 'no strong views'.

The application has received both positive and negative feedback from nearby residents.

The Earth Trust is a local, environmental-focussed, learning organisation.

The site serves to promote health and wellbeing opportunities within the local rural economy.



• Councillor Lynda Atkins

Frustration at grant for centre not being given sooner

• From front page

I'm quite frustrated we didn't get the yes sooner so that the new services could have taken over."

She added: "As long as we can demonstrate that we have most of the costs covered we can then qualify for future

grants." She said there are potential partnerships in the pipeline but this is not for certain at the moment.

In reference to the council's decision to u-turn, she said: "I will close at the end of March

think what made the difference is county elections. Nothing focuses the mind like an election."

Mrs Bowring said the centre will close at the end of March

pending the final cabinet decision in June.

Mrs Bowring is hopeful that the centre will reopen to full capacity in September, if not sooner.



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Taekwondo extravaganza

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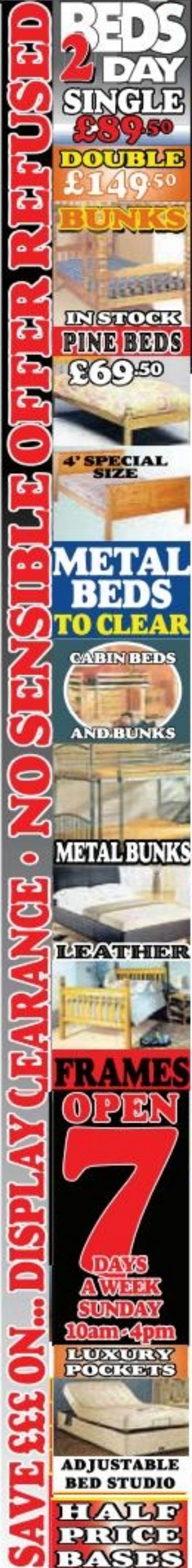
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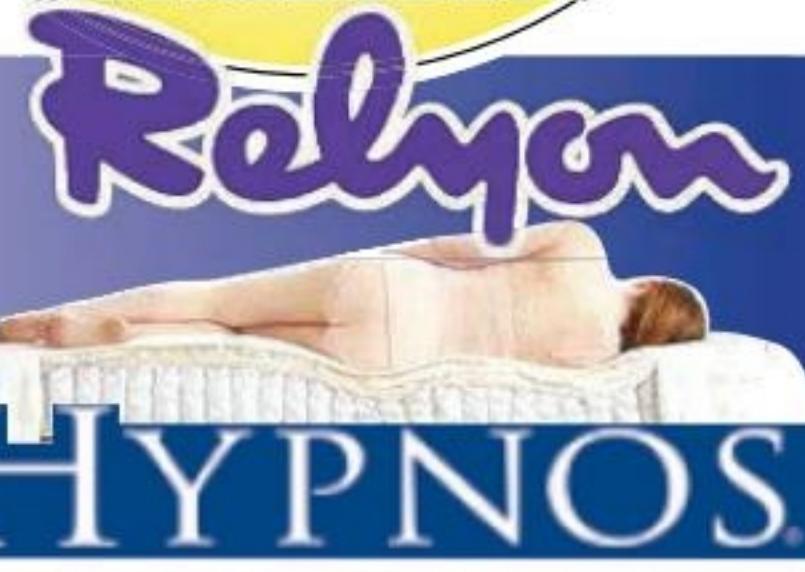
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Two districts give support to one authority idea

By Eva Astreinidou

THE campaign for One Oxfordshire has gained the support of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse councils, much to the dismay of opposing local authorities Cherwell, West Oxfordshire and Oxford City.

Two weeks after the proposal was published, the two councils have agreed to work together with Oxfordshire County Council to submit a joint bid to government.

They released a joint statement on Monday that said: "Having looked at all the evidence, we are

convinced that a single unitary council for Oxfordshire provides the best prospect for maintaining high quality services and securing badly needed investment in infrastructure."

The joint bid put forward by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse is building on the foundation of the draft One Oxfordshire proposal, with some changes.

One of the main focus points is 'strengthening the model of local accountability' at a more local level rather than relying on the area executive board model, an idea put forward in the initial proposal.

Another point was a revised model of council tax 'harmonisation' that would take place across the county over a period of time.

Matthew Barber, leader of Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "The Vale will play an important role in developing the final joint proposals for a unitary council, ensuring they have a strong local influence and impact and offer our communities value for money."

John Cotton, leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, added: "Helping to shape the future of our county is of the utmost importance to South Oxfordshire and I am com-

mitted to ensuring our communities continue to benefit from a council that understands local people's needs and aspirations."

And Ian Hudspeth, leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said: "I hope that other districts and city councils will join us to get the best out of the new council for their areas."

The three councils plan to jointly submit the bid to the Secretary of State in March. Savings delivered by 'One Oxfordshire' through merging of services and functions between the six councils could be up to £400,000 a week.

Plan would 'wipe out 1,000 years of city government'

THE One Oxfordshire campaign has led to a war of words between Oxfordshire councils, splitting those for and against right down the middle.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils have joined up with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), much to the dismay of councillors from Oxford City, Cherwell and West Oxfordshire.

Leader of Oxford City, Bob Price, opposes the new set of revisions

put forward by the campaign's two recent supporters.

He said: "The county council and South and Vale district councils have caused chaos and confusion by launching a new set of proposals.

"The creation of a unitary council is unacceptable to the city. A thousand years of city government for Oxford would be wiped out and replaced with little more than a parish council."

Barry Wood, leader of Cherwell District Council, said: "When the

county council's proposals for a single unitary authority were first unveiled, Cherwell stood united in opposition with Oxford City and the county's other district councils – including South and Vale.

"The fact that these two fickle councils have now defected to support the county's proposals does not alter my position."

James Mills, leader of West Oxfordshire District Council, said: "The One Oxfordshire proposal

may sound attractive on the surface, but digging a little deeper, we soon see the adverse impacts it will have on our residents and how it is likely to change our district."

"One Oxfordshire is proposing savings of £20m a year, but this is a small sum when considered as part of the proposed authority's total budget of over £821m."

He said that the plans to join up all six councils could threaten the free parking across West Oxfordshire.



• Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Hudspeth and councillors Richard Webber and Liz Brighouse present the proposal for One Oxfordshire last month

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Major Tim set to return for second mission

By George Welch

BRITAIN'S most famous astronaut has announced he will be returning to the International Space Station (ISS) for a second mission with the Harwell-based European Space Agency (ESA).

Tim Peake, who spent seven months at the ISS last year, revealed he would be returning to the station at an event at London's

Science Museum, where he was reunited with the charred Soyuz capsule that brought him back to Earth last June.

But plans about his next adventure with the ESA, based on Fermi Avenue, remain secret as the mission is yet to be named or scheduled and is unlikely to take place before 2019, according to reports.

Of his future mission, Major Peake told Sky News: "It's what

every astronaut wants to do.

"Myself and my classmates from 2009, we are all going to get the second mission to the space station, which is wonderful.

"The work that is being done on board the space station is incredibly important and also tremendously exciting as well."

He added: "It is only natural to want to return. The one thing you miss is the view of planet Earth, of course. It is the most spectacular thing you can possibly see."

The event in London on January 26 marked a display for the Soyuz capsule going public for the first time.

Major Peake tweeted the same day: "Special moment [at the Science museum] this morning – reunited with Soyuz TMA-19M now on display, showing a few scars from re-entry."

The 44-year-old became the first British astronaut to join a ESA mission in December 2015 when he blasted into orbit aboard the Soyuz rocket from Kazakhstan. He spent six months on the space station.

He visited Harwell September last year to speak to school children and made a speech at a conference on the Campus's collaborative research and its role in healthcare innovation.



• Major Tim Peake, pictured far left, with the Soyuz capsule that brought him back to earth and shots taken during his travels in space of Italy, Scotland and the British Isles

Pictures: @astro_timeape



Ex-scout leader jailed for child abuse

A FORMER scout leader convicted for a number of child sex offences in Kidlington is "where he belongs", a police officer has said.

Gary Lane, 52, of Fairfax Road in Kidlington, was convicted at Oxford Crown Court on January 27 of four counts of child sexual abuse offences, which all took place in the Kidlington area.

At the hearing, Lane pleaded guilty to two counts of rape of a child under 13, one count of sexual assault on a child under 13 and one count of causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity.

Lane, who failed to turn up for

court twice last year, committed the offences against two boys between January 1, 2015 and November 30, 2015 and was charged at Banbury police station on July 27 last year.

He has been remanded in custody and will be sentenced at Oxford Crown Court tomorrow.

Following the conviction, specialist investigator Rhys Bevan from the Child Abuse Investigation Unit said: "What Lane has put the victims and their families and loved ones through is horrendous.

"I am very pleased with the outcome; finally Lane is where he belongs. Hopefully the victims

can now try to move forward with their lives.

"Lane failed to turn up for court twice in 2016, fleeing once to Scotland which caused unnecessary stress for all involved. Police Scotland was incredibly helpful with their assistance.

"On behalf of Thames Valley Police and the Child Abuse Investigation Unit, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the victims for being so courageous in coming forward.

"The courage the victims have shown means no one else has to suffer at the hands of Lane."

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More protest against Trump's travel ban

By Eva Astreinidou

A SECOND wave of protests against US President Donald Trump's travel ban kicked off in Oxford and London last weekend.

Saturday's protest at Carfax Tower, on Cornmarket Street, gathered around 100 people who were standing up against

the US president's executive order which blocks people from seven Muslim-majority countries entering the United States.

The protest was organised by Oxford Stand Up To Racism, Oxford Stop the War Coalition, Oxford Peoples Assembly and Oxford Momentum.

It followed one of the biggest

demonstrations in Oxford in the last 10 years with an attendance of 2,500 people.

Mariam Ahmed, joint chair of Oxford Stand Up To Racism, said: "There is a link between inflammatory statements by politicians and racist attacks and hate crimes on the street.

"The huge protests against

Trump's immigration ban show

the potential to push the racism back into the gutter where it belongs."

Cathy Augustine, Momentum Oxford Steering Committee member, said: "In a recent letter to Theresa May, Jeremy Corbyn demands that she withdraws her offer to Donald Trump of a state visit while Trump continues to propagate his anti-women, anti-Muslim and anti-Mexican policies.

"Momentum Oxford fully supports the stance of the Labour Party leader. We are pleased to join our voices with other Oxford groups opposing the racist, misogynistic, divisive policies of Trump – and telling Theresa May that she does not speak for us in her endorsement of them."

President Trump imposed the order on January 27.

The ban has sparked protests globally, led to a UK-wide petition to block the president's state visit and has also led to a major legal battle in the US.

The US appeals court denied the White House's attempt to reinstate Mr Trump's controversial travel ban on Sunday morning.



* Protestors demonstrating in Oxford (Picture from Oxford Stand Up To Racism)



Community opens its arms to welcome pub

THE much-loved Abingdon Arms is now under community ownership following a campaign by locals and £3.6m worth of help.

The financial help from More than a Pub Programme, funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government and Power to Change, as well as a variety of community contributions, means that the Beckley pub has been saved after a six-month long campaign.

The 17th-century pub was put up for sale in May 2016 by Brakspear.

After word spread about the prospect of losing the village pub, a committee was formed.

Their first point of action was to list The Abingdon Arms as an asset of community value, which then gave the team a six-month window to prepare a bid to buy

the pub for the village.

A group of locals set up the Beckley and Area Community Benefit Society and raised over £475,000 in the first month of their community share scheme.

Society chairman Mike Hobbs said: "We have had a fantastic response to our campaign to save The Abingdon Arms in Beckley and are now the proud owners of a community pub.

"It has been heart-warming to see so many people supporting the project."

Community pubs minister Andrew Percy said: "Thanks to the More Than a Pub programme and local campaigners, The Abingdon Arms will now stay at the heart of the community.

"This is a great reason to celebrate with a pint."



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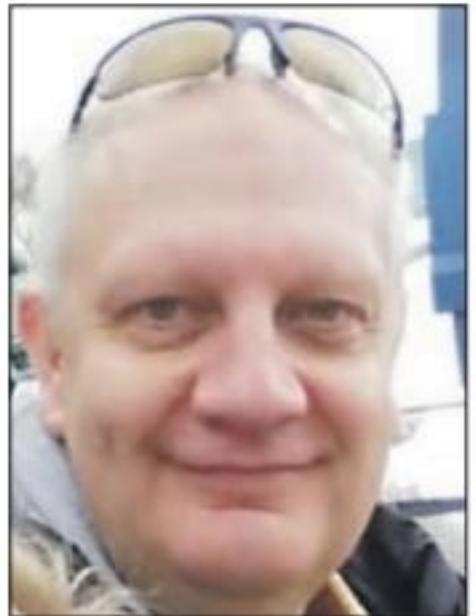
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News Bites**Missing man fears**

CHINNOR: Police are "increasingly concerned" for the welfare of a man who has gone missing from Crowell, near Chinnor.



Mark Robinson, 53 from Crowell, was last seen on Thursday, January 26 at around 7am in Chinnor Road.

Police described him as white, 5ft 10ins tall, of medium build, and balding grey hair.

He was possibly last seen wearing a suit and a grey overcoat with a black leather shoulder bag.

Mr Robinson is thought to have access to a grey Mazda 3, the force added.

Contact police on 101.

Have your say online

'Queer' histories unearthed in a month of events

By Eva Astreinidou

A SERIES of events will run this February as part of LGBT History Month, starting off with a trail that exposes LGBTQ+ histories within Oxford's museum collections.

Launching on February 11, Out in Oxford will be the University of Oxford's first cross-collections trail, as a result of 'Celebrating Diversity', a project funded by Arts Council England and created with the LGBTQ+ community.

The trail will highlight LGBTQ+ experiences, and unearth 'queer' histories.

Professor Richard Parkinson, author of A Little Gay History, said: "Out in Oxford reassuringly reminds us that LGBTQ+ people have always been an integral part of human life and that our varied identities are not limited to the usual set of media stereotypes.

"Visibility is important and

it is especially welcome in a university city where many young people come out.

"The time of full equality is not quite with us yet, but a trail like this brings it closer, by showing to everyone that we are utterly normal parts of the world.

"It provides a vision of what Oxford can and should be as a diverse, inclusive home for all its inhabitants."

Community groups, curators, performers and artists will come together to mark the launch.

Live performances, pop-up exhibitions from Oxford Pride and Tales of Our City, and a Drag King workshop are among the line-up of activities.

A few of the events will be held at Pitt Rivers Museum from February 11 till February 28.

On February 16, Philosophy in Pubs will explore the difference and relationship between gender and sex, discussing

questions like 'are the concepts of male and female well defined and do their meanings differ in different circumstances? How do we know whether we are male or female?'

On February 25, an event specially curated by 'My Normal', an arts based project aiming to give LGBTQ+ youth 'safe spaces and a bigger voice', will host interactive art and workshops at Pitt Rivers Museum.

Singer-songwriter and LGBT and transgender rights activist CN Lester will be guiding a lecture at the Blavatnik School of Government today (Thursday) at 6pm.

The lecture will be based on the need for queer/trans history 'in a world that too often forgets that variations in gender and desire have always been with us'.

The year 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality in England and Wales.



• Pictures: Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Town pub receives an unexpected delivery

THERE was a lucky escape for pub-goers and a driver after a van crashed into a wall and nearly ended up in a river.

The van crashed into the wall of a bridge going over the river Glyme in Woodstock, next to The Black Prince Pub, shortly after 4pm last Thursday.

The driver lost control of the vehicle and careered into the wall.

Nobody was seriously injured but Paul Malloy, from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service,

said the driver and the pub's patrons had "a very lucky escape".

South Central Ambulance Service treated the driver at the scene and checked over the people in the pub for shock.

Fire engines from Kidlington and Slade Park, Oxford attended.

Mr Malloy added that, if the crash was a few inches either way, "the van could have crashed into the pub, or ended up in the river".

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Saving little people with big needs

By Eva Astreinidou

PLAY2GIVE is kickstarting a fundraising target of £10,000 having already raised more than £40,000 for the Oxford Children's Hospital and helped transform around 60,000 young lives each year for the last decade.

The funds raised were achieved thanks to the support of the local community that is 'committed to transforming' and helping 'save little people with big needs'.

Now, the charity is committed to contributing £10,000 to the hospital charity's £2million target in celebration of its 10th anniversary.

The charity's goal is to help towards the building of a new four-storey 62-bedroom Ronald McDonald House parent accommodation wing, allowing more parents and families to stay closer to their sick child.

As well as this, they hope to help fund a new play area and improve the environment for areas of the hospital.

In appreciation of the charity's fundraising efforts to date, a room on the Melanie's teenage ward will be named after Play2Give.

Made up of all volunteers including P2G founder Andrew Baker and Dale Harris, the group has contributed the funds to help provide medical equipment, toys and entertainment items to the hospital.

Over the years a whole array of fun and innovative events have been organised by the group. From its football tournaments to fundraising parties, merchandise, a head shave afternoon, one employee's 'Movember', 100km walk over 10 weeks, and book sales, the team have been keeping busy.

Andrew said: "It is only until he underwent speech



* Play2Give presented a cheque for more than £9,000 to the children's hospital in 2015

thanks to the funds raised by the likes of organisations such as P2G that the Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe exists today."

P2G's Andrew and Dale both have personal and close reasons for supporting the Children's Hospital.

For Andrew, he was born at the JR with a brain injury 28 years ago, and spent his first few days fighting for life in the special care baby unit, where he was confined to an incubator.

Andrew was not able to talk

therapy at the age of five, and then suffered a further head injury aged eight when he was knocked over at school.

When he was 12, Andrew underwent brain surgery at the former Radcliffe Infirmary (RI) and started fundraising two years later, beginning with a campaign to raise £15m to build the children's hospital.

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust recognised the group in last year's Staff Recognition Awards where P2G made the top three for the 'Supporter of the Year' gong.

The tribute read: "Despite their own healthcare challenges, P2G continues to look to inspire others and to 'give back' wherever they can."



Blue Skye still aiming high

BLUE Skye Thinking, our charity for last year, is urging people to help them raise £50,000 as results at a national collaborative meeting. Skye's mum Sally Hall

headed into its final six months. Blue Skye Thinking, which was last year's Oxfordshire Guardian charity of the year, was set up in 2014 as a legacy for five-year-old Abingdon boy Skye Hall, who died later that year from the side effects of his aggressive cancer treatment.

The charity's Aim Skye High Appeal is a fundraising campaign that aims to raise £50,000 towards a three-year post doctoral research position at the renowned Northern Institute for Cancer Research.

The charity has already funded researcher Gemma Llargues last year, who has completed her first year of PhD studies.

To plan your own 'Skye High' event, email contact@bluesky-thinking.org for a fundraising pack.



* Blue Skye Thinking was set up in memory of Skye Hall

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£1million hotel sold

A FORMER coaching inn just outside Bicester has been bought by property group Shepherd Cox.

The Jersey Arms, in Midleton Stoney, is the 16th hotel bought by the firm.

It was offered with a price tag of about £1m – and was the first time for 30 years the hotel had been on the market.

Its current owners are planning to retire.

Shepherd Cox director Nick Carlile said: "We have properties all over the north of England but The Jersey Arms offers plenty of potential to build on a sound business.

"We plan to increase the number of rooms from 20 to around 25 by converting some of the meeting rooms, and will look at adding another storey to the existing extension."

The Jersey Arms includes a bar with an eye-catching fire-

place, a restaurant seating up to 40, as well as 20 letting bedrooms.

Peter Brunt, hotels director at Colliers International, which brokered the sale, said: "Our client owned the business for more than 30 years, and for many years focused upon bedroom trade as its main stay.

"After such a good stint at the helm, retirement beckons, giving energetic new owners the opportunity to take the business forward.

"The Jersey Arms is perfectly placed for visitors heading for the Cotswolds or shoppers ready for a rest after a day at the nearby shopping outlet.

"Built as a coaching inn on a busy crossroads, The Jersey Arms offers the new owners an opportunity to drive much more food and beverage trade through the delightful public rooms."

High-tech business park is proposed for Bicester

By Samantha McGregor

A PLANNING application for a new high-tech business park and hotel on the outskirts of Bicester has been submitted.

Developer Bloombridge wants to build a 149-bedroom hotel, four office blocks and car-parking at scrubland off Oxford Road and Vendee Drive.

It says the development, called Bicester Gateway, would create 550 new jobs.

The site, Promised Land Farm, is split over both sides of Vendee Drive, off the south-bound A41 Oxford Road.

It would be developed in two phases - with work on phase one, the hotel, potentially starting this summer.

Bloombridge wants to attract high-tech companies that have outgrown Oxford, and say the business park would help "redress the daily commute and 'brain drain' of local skills to Oxford".

In a report it said the "vision" was for Bicester Gateway to "accommodate high growth, high-tech companies moving from Oxford".

The report continued: "In time, Bicester Gateway, and the town generally, will attract more innovation, but this takes

• An application has been submitted for a high-tech business park and hotel at Promised Land Farm



time to build and is dependent on a wide milieu of criteria.

Its directors Richard Cutler and Bruce Usher have previously been involved in projects including Oxford Business Park, the Northern Gateway (Pearmtree), and Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, and are currently involved in developments in East London and Abu Dhabi.

Richard Mould, Conservative leader at Bicester Town Council, said: "This is a good application and broadly fits with the local plan. It is the type of development we have been asking for in Bicester to bring in high tech jobs.

"The town council would prefer this type of development to the large warehousing sheds that seem to be the norm."

News Bites

Flywheel tickets

BICESTER: Tickets have gone on sale for the Flywheel at Bicester Heritage 2017, which takes place on June 24 and 25.

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New shops plan

CHIPPING NORTON: Plans have gone in for four new shops in Chipping Norton, including a Marks & Spencer food hall.

The development could also create more than 50 new jobs.

The proposals form part of a £6m regeneration of the former Parker Knoll factory site, in London Road.

It will be decided by West Oxfordshire District Council's planning committee.

More bike racks

BICESTER: Cycle stands in the town centre and Buckingham Road are being upgraded.

Work started this week to replace racks in Sheep Street with 18 new Sheffield stands.

In Caversfield, new covered cycle stands will be installed alongside the bus stop on Buckingham Road, and five stands are also being installed at the junction of St John's Street and North Street.

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X Factor star joins Oxford youngsters for station busk

By Alex Iszatt

X FACTOR winner Matt Terry gave a young Oxford cancer survivor the surprise of his life when he joined him to busk at a busy train station ahead of World Cancer Day.

Singer Matt joined aspiring musician Ace Manthey and his older sister Sky as they performed before passengers passing through.

Ace, 12, and Sky, 14, are regular buskers in Oxford city centre and were excited about performing in London's Kings Cross station for what they thought was a promotional video for Cancer Research UK.

But they were delighted when Matt sneaked up beside them and joined in their rendition of Avicii's number one single, Wake Me Up.

When Ace was three, he had been play-fighting with Sky when a huge bruise appeared on his chest. His GP sent him for a blood test where he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL).

Ace spent years going through chemotherapy and steroid treatment and it was during this time he learned to play the guitar.



• Sky and Ace were busking at Kings Cross Station on World Cancer Day when they were joined by X Factor winner Matt Terry

Now he has set his sights on becoming the nation's next big rock star.

Speaking about Matt's surprise appearance, Ace said: "It was awesome! Sky and I got to sing some of our favourite songs to hundreds of people and the station was packed.

"I couldn't believe my eyes

when Matt Terry joined us, his vocals were amazing. I watched him on the X Factor and thought he was great.

Being poorly has only made me stronger and even more determined to follow my dreams."

Matt said: "I'm truly honoured to be supporting World

Cancer Day on February 4.

"Everyone is touched by cancer in some way and even the smallest act of unity can make a big difference.

"Singing with Ace and Sky put the biggest smile on their faces, especially after they've been through so much.

"They are very talented too – definitely ones to watch!"

Oxfordshire's top-10 most popular names for babies

JACK and Lily have been named as Oxfordshire's most popular baby names in 2016.

A total of 8,347 births were registered in the county during 2016 with popular name choices similar to those in 2015, Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) Registration Service has reported.

For girls, Amelia dropped to second place behind Lily while Ava, Sophia, Evie and Sophie entered the top-10 in 2016.

For boys, Jack leapt straight in to the top 10 at number one with Joshua, Thomas and Samuel also entering the top-10 last year.

Alicja Gilroy, superintendent

registrar at OCC's Registration Service, said: "It's always interesting to gather the figures together and look at the most popular Christian names in Oxfordshire.

"This year we can see a continued trend toward very traditional Christian names – names that have stood the test of time and that our grandparents or great grandparents may have been christened with in the first half of the 20th century.

"There's a temptation to refer to these names as 'old-fashioned', but given how popular they are in the here and now they are quite clearly the reverse."

Oxfordshire's most popular girl names for 2016 (2015)

1. Lily	(Amelia)
2. Amelia	(Lily)
3. Olivia	(Isla)
4. Isla	(Emily)
5. Emily	(Olivia)
6. Ava	(Grace)
7. Sophia	(Isabella)
8. Evie	(Matilda)
9. Isabella	(Alice)
10. Sophie	(Ella)

Oxfordshire's most popular boy names for 2016 (2015)

1. Jack	(Oliver)
2. Henry	(Harry)
3. Harry	(William)
4. George	(Henry)
5. Oliver	(Alexander)
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Great sports honoured

By George Welch

OXFORDSHIRE'S finest sportsmen, women and clubs enjoyed a night of celebration at the 11th annual Oxfordshire Sports Awards.

A total of 15 accolades were awarded as the county's best athletes and clubs were honoured following a memorable year of sporting achievement.

In an Olympic year, it was no surprise to see rowing – Oxfordshire's speciality event – claim the top awards at the ceremony, which took place at the Kassam Stadium in Oxford on January 27.

Andrew Triggs-Hodge won Sportsman of the Year after storming to gold in the men's eight, alongside fellow Oxfordshire athletes Scott Durant and Will Satch, in August last year.

The former Oxford University Boat Club Member also claimed gold medals in the coxless fours at the Beijing (2008) and London (2012) Games.

Fellow rower, Oxford-based Frances Houghton, was awarded the Sportswoman of the Year prize.

The 36-year-old was part of a history-making women's eight team that took silver – Britain's first in the event – alongside four Leander rowers, and Oxford's Olivia Carnegie-Brown.

Oxford United pipped American football side Oxford Saints



• Sportsman of the year Andrew Triggs Hodge for rowing and Sportswoman of the year, Frances Houghton, also for rowing



• All pictures: Ric Mellis

and Harlequin Bowmen Compound Clout Team to the Sports Team of the Year award after a year that boasted promotion from League Two and memo- rable cup adventures.

Elsewhere, Robin Aston, a committee member at Banbury and District Table Tennis for more than 37 years, received the Unsung Hero award.

This year's awards saw a record number of nominations across all the categories who were honoured at a glitzy night.

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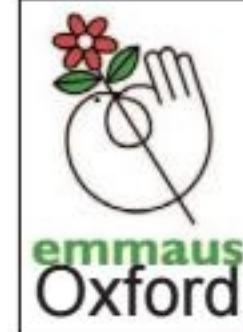
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Proposal to split parish into two

By Samantha McGregor

RESIDENTS are being asked their view on proposals to split a village in half, creating a new parish.

About 1,000 householders in the Upper Heyford parish have received letters detailing the plan.

If approved, Upper Heyford would be split into two parishes, Upper Heyford and Heyford Park.

It comes as Heyford Park, the former US Air Force Base, undergoes a major development. The site has been earmarked for 1,600 new homes by 2031 in Cherwell's adopted local plan.

Upper Heyford Parish Council has asked Cherwell District Council to consider the split.

Sue Smith, Cherwell's chief executive, said: "The proposed development of RAF Upper Heyford will dramatically increase the population of the existing village.

"The proposals put forward by the parish council are to separate the current parish into two parishes that can better reflect and address the needs of the different communities.

"At the moment we are seeking views on the options that should be consulted on in the forthcoming consultation.

"As parish councils have responsibility for local decisions, including their council tax precept, we want to ensure villagers are involved every step of the way.

"We would encourage all residents to read the letter and submit their feedback by the March deadline to ensure their views are heard and are reflected in the options we will then consult on."

In a statement, Upper Heyford Parish Council said the needs of the two communities were different.

It said: "Heyford Park is a rapidly expanding development and Upper Heyford Village remains a small rural village. The needs and aspirations for each community will be different.

"It is important therefore that both communities are fully represented by their own parish council."

The benefits include councillors being able to respond to

the differing needs of residents of each parish and more control over respective finances.

Upper Heyford Parish Council has suggested the new boundary could be along the length of the Kirtlington Road/ Portway bridleway.

District councillors are due to discuss recommendations in May before a second consultation takes place.



• Sue Smith

Walk the Scandinavian way and get fit

OXFORD residents are being urged to take part in walking exercises – but with a twist.

Nordic Walking is a full-body exercise that sees people walk with sticks similar to ski poles and is a great way to get in shape and burn calories.

A new four-week Learn to Nordic Walk Course, organised by Oxford City Council, will be held at Cutteslowe Park on Sunday, February 19 at 10.30am.

A six-week session, at Bury Knowle Park next to Headington Library, started on Thursday last week. Booking is essential though, as the council warned that demand for both events is high.

Completing the Learn to Nordic Walk Course will allow those walking-enthusiasts to attend any Nordic Walking group across the country, and join Nordic Walking UK.

Nordic Walking originated in the 1930s when cross country skiers in Finland started to use poles in their off-season training when



• Nordic Walking originated in the 1930s in Finland

there was no snow.

It uses 90 per cent of the major muscles, people burn 20 to 30 per cent more calories by using poles while walking, and it takes the physical strain off knees and joints.

The city council has already hosted refresher courses for those who have previously completed a Learn to Nordic Walk Course and wanted to brush up on their technique.

To book your place on the course, visit nordicwalking.co.uk

News Bites

Centre saved

THAME: Family support organisation, the Red Kite Centre, has been given a new lease of life.

Funding has been secured for the next year to maintain the service, with negotiations continuing to secure enough funding for the next three years.

Local charity Sharing Life Trust will take over the running from April this year.

Its purpose is to provide support for pre-school children and their parents in Thame and Chinnor.

Dinner with Cottee

THAME: Football fans have the chance to join a Sporting Legend's Dinner with West Ham, Everton and Leicester City's Tony Cottee, plus MC & comedian Adger Brown.

Thame Football Partnership productions has organised the event at Meadow View Park for Thursday, February 16, from 7.30pm.

Tickets are £50 and can be booked now by calling 01844 214401 or email admin@thamefootball.co.uk.

Register removal

BICESTER: Residents who have not responded to final reminders to update their electoral registration details will be removed from the electoral register.

People must ensure they are registered to vote, however those who fail to confirm or update their details face removal from the register and won't be able to vote in elections, and may face a £1,000 fine.

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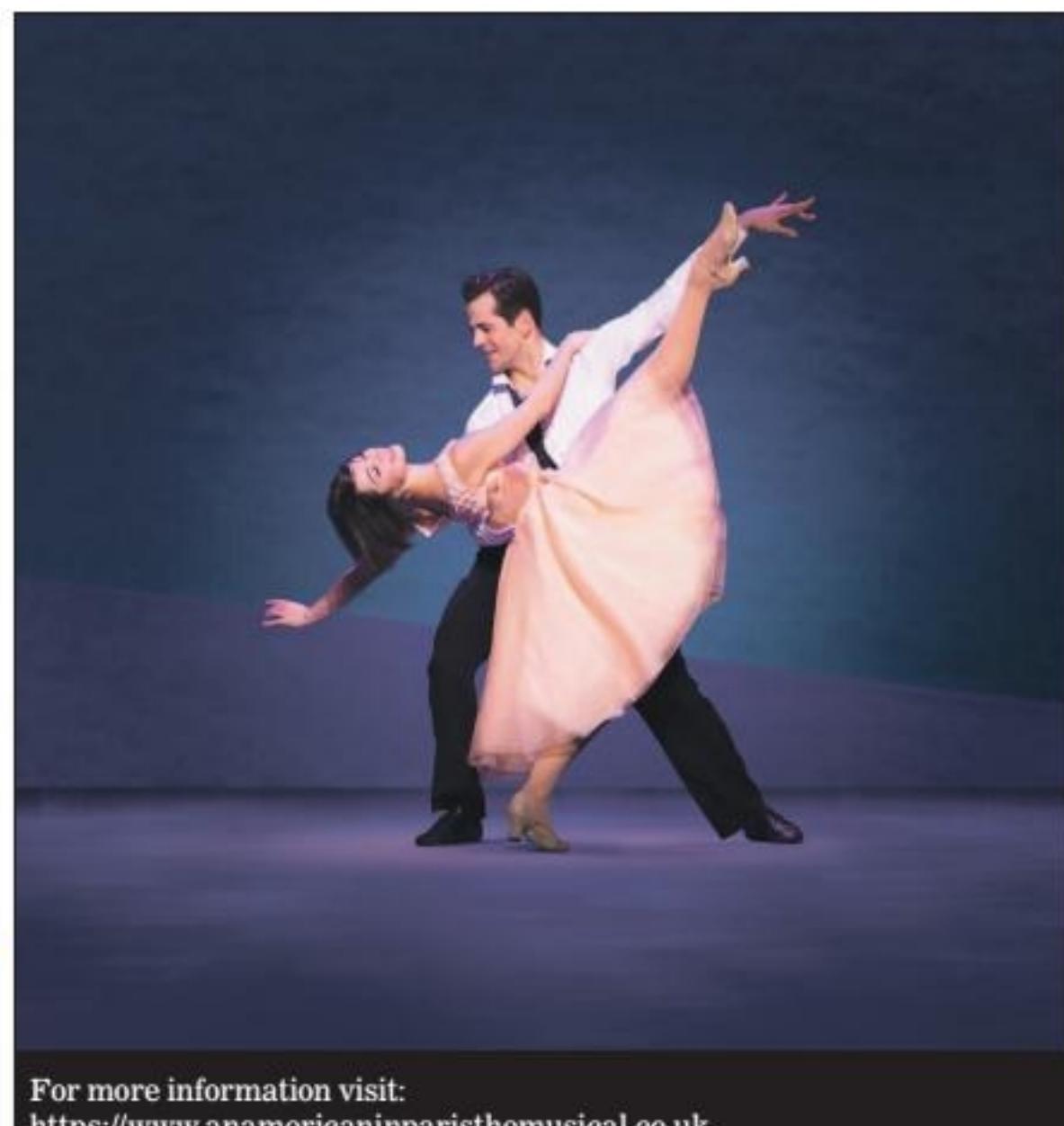
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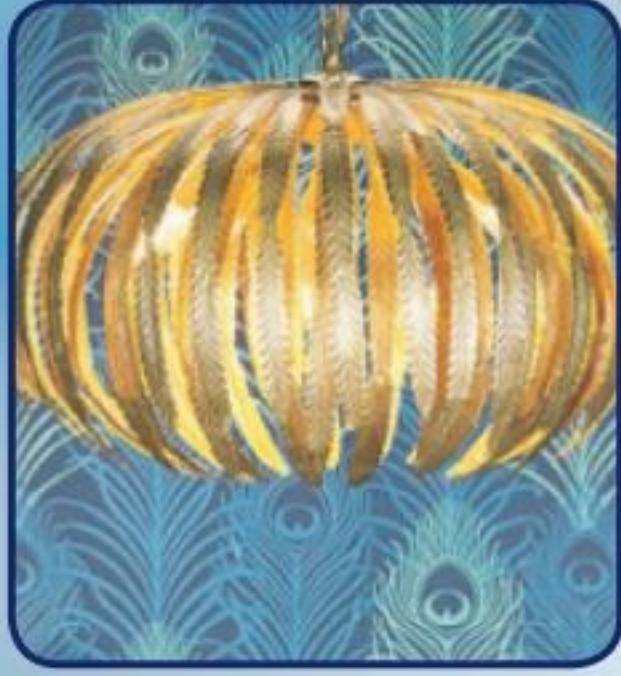


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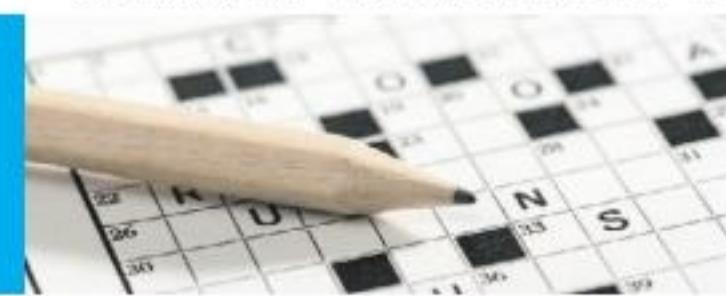
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- 9 Try (6)
- 10 Compelling (9)
- 11 In this place (4)
- 13 Performed (5)
- 14 Gave (7)
- 16 In place of (7)
- 18 Way of speech (5)
- 19 Poems (4)
- 21 Doctor (9)
- 22 Pictures (6)
- 23 Venerated (7)
- 24 Strives (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Surpass (9)
- 2 Unforeseen events (9)
- 3 Musical instrument (5)
- 5 Insect (4)
- 6 More spacious (6)
- 7 In rows (6)
- 9 Express contempt (5)
- 11 Pains (9)
- 12 Made new (9)
- 15 Ways (5)
- 16 Antiseptic (6)
- 17 Calm (6)
- 20 Willow (5)
- 21 Nuisance (4)

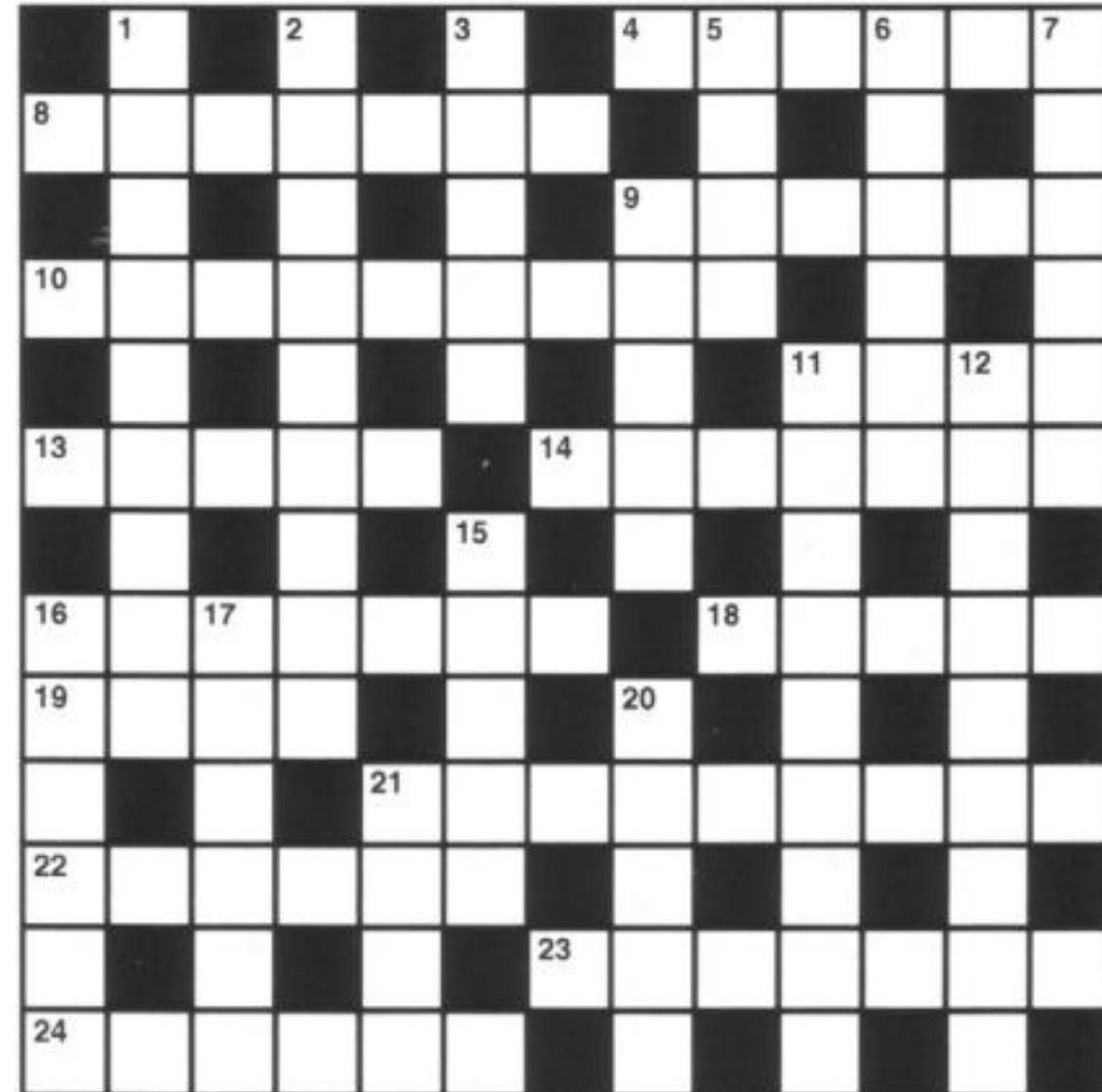
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Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 A religious man can be firm (6)
- 8 The 15 by which a judge might hold two thousand dollars? (7)
- 9 Food for the parasite (6)
- 10 Lock in the ones who are performers (9)
- 11 A standard flower (4)
- 13 Sudden thrust that with a quiet start could be a dive (5)
- 14 To experience again the end of the ache inside will bring comfort (7)
- 16 Rub around the climate (7)
- 18 Deserve a different mitre (5)
- 19 The editor, for example, goes back to the margin (4)
- 21 Steady! Rye cocktails can bring back the recent past (9)
- 22 Sounds like the larger type of mill (6)
- 23 Exult about a Ulyssean author, by the sound of it (7)
- 24 Discourages those who rested out (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Broke the great emperor, in short, about to do the old city (9)
- 2 Amount to an opening round Mr. Peck (9)
- 3 Control the French wood (5)
- 5 Hints on putting up a barbecue? (4)
- 6 The clumsy performance of Napoleon initially in a call to war (6)
- 7 Mere upset before the example arises to come into view (6)
- 9 Break off relations with the visionary, and start a veto inside (5)
- 11 Dismiss the evidence as being incombustible (9)
- 12 Having overturned the cells, I do a jig - to celebrate the escape? (9)
- 15 Bar the last head always (5)
- 16 Firmly fixed as occidentally bordered (6)
- 17 Horrified at what the flag has to show (6)
- 20 Unqualified to speak? (5)
- 21 Time the sun's beam comes up round the East (4)



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Across 7: 14 Lever 15 Paths 6, 16 Lever 17 Paths 6, 18 Lever
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Saturday February 11th

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Live Six Nations Rugby Union, 4.15pm

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BBC2



Welcome to Hull: City of Culture 2017, 7pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 The Best Dishes Ever (S)(R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Nitro Athletics: Usain Bolt Takes on the World (S) 2.00 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 2.30 FILM Shrek 2 (2004) (U) (S) 3.55 BBC News (S) 4.05 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 4.15 Live Six Nations Rugby Union (S) 6.55 Let It Shine (S)

7.55 Casualty Elle must prove her worth on the day of her hearing. (S)

8.45 Let It Shine – The Results The results of the viewer vote are revealed. (S)

9.15 Taboo Delaney's trading plans begin to unravel, and a shocking family revelation have an impact on not only James himself, but also his erstwhile allies, his household, and his family. (S)

10.15 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches. (S)

11.55 This Country New series. Mockumentary presenting a wry look at the lives of young people in rural Britain. (S)

12.20 FILM Passion (2012) (15) Brian De Palma's thriller, with Rachel McAdams and Noomi Rapace. (S) 2.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 2.05 BBC News (S)

ITV



Through the Keyhole, 9.20pm

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 Alphabetical (S)(R) 10.25 Guess This House (S)(R) 11.25 River Monsters (S)(R) 11.55 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.00 Dance Dance Dance (S)(R) 1.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union (S) 4.30 Tipping Point (S)(R) 5.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.45 ITV News (S) 6.00 You've Been Framed! To the Max! High-octane comical mishaps captured on video by viewers. (S)

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara host the penultimate edition of the obstacle-course contest. (S)

8.00 The Voice UK William, Tom Jones, Jennifer Hudson and Gavin Rossdale preside over the penultimate round of Blind Auditions. (S)

9.00 Terry Pratchett: Back in Black Dramatised documentary, telling the life story of the celebrated fantasy author. (S)

9.50 QI XL Extended episode, with Jo Brand and Clive Anderson. (S)

10.35 FILM Behind the Candelabra (2013) (15) Biopic of pianist Liberace. Directed by Steven Soderbergh and starring Michael Douglas and Matt Damon. (S)

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4



Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages, 7pm

6.20 The King of Queens (S)(R) 7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.25 Frasier (S)(R) 9.25 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 10.50 The Simpsons (S)(R) 11.55 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast (S)(R) 12.55 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 3.30 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun (S)(R) 4.35 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 5.35 Grand Designs (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages Penelope visits Pembrokeshire. Last in the series. (S)(R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales take a trip to Bristol. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM 2 Guns (2013) (15) Two undercover agents become fugitives after a disastrous sting, but each thinks the other is a real criminal. Action adventure, starring Denzel Washington. (S)

11.10 FILM Riddick (2013) (15) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel and Katee Sackhoff. (S)

1.15 The Last Leg (S)(R) 2.10 Hollyoaks (S) 4.15 Building the Dream (S) 5.05 Jamie's Comfort Food (S)(R) 5.20 Phil: Secret Agent Down Under (S)(R)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 FILM Against All Flags (1952) (PG) (S) 4.40 Access (R) 4.50 House Doctor (S)(R) 5.15 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

Channel 5

World's Biggest Diamond Heist, 10.30pm



9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.25 Access (R) 10.30 Police Interceptors Unleashed (S)(R) 11.00 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 1.00 Benefits: Can't Work, Won't Work (S) (R) 2.00 Benefits: 19 Kids and Counting the Cost (S)(R) 3.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) 5.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R) 6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R)

7.00 NCIS: Los Angeles Deeks places his job in danger when he shoots and kills an unarmed man. (S)

8.00 NCIS A petty officer appears to have become the latest victim of a serial killer. (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)

10.30 World's Biggest Diamond Heist (S)

11.30 Police Interceptors Unleashed A car thief rewrites the rules of the road. (S)(R)

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6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.15 Emmerdale 8.45 Coronation Street 11.15 Ninja Warrior UK 12.15 Take Me Out 1.35 You've Been Framed! Gold 2.10 FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman and Natalie Portman. 3.10 FYI Daily 3.15 FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) Concluded. 4.00 FILM: Snow Dogs (2002) (PG) Comedy, starring Cuba Gooding Jr. 5.00 FYI Daily 5.05 FILM: Snow Dogs (2002) (PG) Concluded. 6.05 FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell 7.05 FYI Daily 7.10 FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Concluded. 8.00 Scorpion 9.00 FILM: Shaun of the Dead (2004) (15) Comedy horror, starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost. 10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 FILM: Shaun of the Dead (2004) (15) Concluded. 11.05 Family Guy 12.35 American Dad! 1.30 Release the Hounds: Famous & Freaked 2.25 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses 6.25 Murder, She Wrote 9.25 Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four 11.40 FILM: Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo (1990) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Ian McShane. 1.45 Agatha Christie's Marple 3.55 Lewis 5.55 Midsomer Murders 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Lewis 1.00 Blue Murder 1.55 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Natural World: Meet the Monkeys 8.00 A303: Highway to the Sun 9.00 Treasures of Ancient Egypt 10.00 The Young Montalbano 11.45 Top of the Pops: 1983 12.50 The Joy of Disco 1.50 Boogie Fever: A TOTP2 Disco Special 3.20 Sounds of the 70s 3.50 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube 6.45 Young & Hungry 7.35 Melissa & Joey 8.35 Baby Daddy 9.35 The Goldbergs 10.30 FILM: Hop (2011) (U) Part-animated comedy, starring James Marsden. 12.30 How I Met Your Mother 1.30 Young & Hungry 2.30 The Goldbergs 5.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 5.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM: Bridesmaids (2011) (L5) Comedy, starring Kristen Wiig. 11.30 Gogglebox 1.40 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 2.35

The Inbetweeners 3.30 Virtually Famous - Tattoo Fixers vs Virtually Famous 4.10 Rude(ish) Tube 4.55 Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me 11.35 Homes by the Sea 12.35 Location, Location, Location 1.40 Coast vs Country 2.45 Four in a Bed 5.25 Come Dine with Me 7.55 Return of the Black Death: Secret History 9.00 Catching a Killer - Crocodile Tears 10.00 12 Year Old Lifer: True Stories 11.15 24 Hours in A&E 12.20 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 1.20 Catching a Killer - Crocodile Tears 2.25 12 Year Old Lifer: True Stories 3.35 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Genevieve (1953) (U) Comedy, starring Dinah Sheridan. 1.00 Inkheart (2008) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. 3.05 ParaNorman (2012) (PG) Animated adventure, with the voice of Kodi Smit-McPhee. 4.55 Turner & Hooch (1989) (PG) Family canine comedy, starring Tom Hanks. 6.55 Volcano (1997) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones. 9.00 Super 8 (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Joel Courtney. 11.15 The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2 (1986) (18) Horror sequel, starring Dennis Hopper. 1.20 Machete Kills (2013) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Danny Trejo. 3.35 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.15 Storage Hunters 10.00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge 12.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 2015: London 2.00 QI XL 4.00 Storage Hunters UK 7.00 Not Going Out 9.00 FILM: The Full Monty (1997) (15) Comedy, starring Robert Carlyle. 11.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 1.00 Not Going Out 2.20 Suits 3.10 Live at the Electric 4.00 Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Tenko 11.00 Sharpe 1.00 Tenko 5.00 One Foot in the Grave 7.00 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates 8.00 Jonathan Creek 9.00 Wallander 11.00 Waking the Dead 1.30 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates 2.00 The Shadow in the North 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Big Town Dance 7.00 Monkey Business 7.30 Futurama 8.00 The Big Spell 9.00 The Fantasy Football Club 10.00 Soccer AM 11.30 Live Premier League. Arsenal v Hull City (kick-off 12.30pm). Coverage of the top-flight fixture, which takes place at the Emirates Stadium. 3.00 Gillette Soccer Saturday. Jeff Stelling is joined by a panel of former players to preside over the day's football action, including previews of the top games and up-to-the-minute scores.

5.15 Live EFL. Wolverhampton Wanderers v Newcastle United (kick-off 5.30pm). Coverage of the Championship encounter, which takes place at Molineux. 8.00 EFL Goals 8.30 Nissan Game of the Day 10.30 Nissan Match Choice 11.30 Premier League Highlights

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The West Wing 11.00 David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies 3.00 Without a Trace 8.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Game of Thrones 11.20 Real Time with Bill Maher 12.30 Bright Lights: Starring Carrie Fisher And Debbie Reynolds 2.20 The Wire 3.40 The Brink 4.15 The Petrol Age

W SKY: 109

6.00 Resurrection 6.50 Million Dollar Intern 7.50 The Bill 12.50 EastEnders 4.00 Extreme Makeover: Home Edition 6.00 My Family 8.00 Inside the Ambulance 9.00 FILM: Indecent Proposal (1993) (15) Drama, with Robert Redford and Demi Moore. 11.30 Motorway Cops 12.50 The Strain 1.40 Katherine Mills: Mind Games 2.30 Betty White's Off Their Rockers 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Cheers 8.00 Blandings 8.40 Open All Hours 10.00 To the Manor Born 11.20 Last of the Summer Wine 12.40 Only Fools and Horses 9.00 Miranda 11.00 Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle 12.20 Rob Brydon Live 1.25 Bill Hicks - One Night Stand 2.05 Stella Street 2.25 Nighty Night 3.00 Stella Street 3.10 Nighty Night 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold 7.00 Premier League Legends 8.00 Sporting Records 8.30 Premier League Preview 9.00 The Fantasy Football Club 10.00 Soccer AM 11.30 Live Premier League. Arsenal v Hull City (kick-off 12.30pm). Coverage of the top-flight fixture, which takes place at the Emirates Stadium. 3.00 Gillette Soccer Saturday. Jeff Stelling is joined by a panel of former players to preside over the day's football action, including previews of the top games and up-to-the-minute scores. 5.15 Live EFL. Wolverhampton Wanderers v Newcastle United (kick-off 5.30pm). Coverage of the Championship encounter, which takes place at Molineux. 8.00 EFL Goals 8.30 Nissan Game of the Day 10.30 Nissan Match Choice 11.30 Premier League Highlights

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BBC1



DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.30 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 The Big Questions** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News**; **Weather** (S) **1.15 Spy in the Wild** (S)(R) **2.15 Live Six Nations Rugby Union** (S) **5.00 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.35 BBC News** (S) **5.50 BBC Regional News**; **Weather** (S) **6.00 The Big Painting Challenge** (S)

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7.00 Countryfile Reports on the latest rural developments. Including weather for the week ahead. (S)

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8.00 Call the Midwife A woman expecting her third child realises she cannot afford to care for her baby. (S)

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9.00 British Academy Film Awards 2017 Stephen Fry hosts the awards ceremony live from the Royal Albert Hall (S)

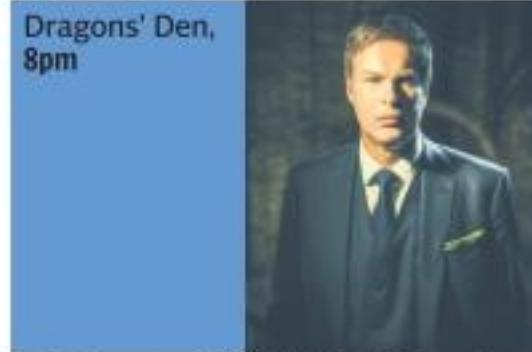
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11.00 BBC News (S) **11.20 BBC Regional News**; **Weather** (S) **11.30 American High School** New series. (S)

AFTER

12.10 The Celebrity Apprentice USA (S) **12.55 The Celebrity Apprentice USA** (S) **1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **1.40 BBC News** (S)

BBC2



8.45 Countryfile (S)(R) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen** Best Bites (S) **11.15 Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day** (S)(R) **11.45 Nigellissima** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Nitro Athletics: Usain Bolt Takes on the World** (S) **2.00 FILM The Winslow Boy** (1999) (U) (S) **3.40 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **4.10 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.00 Ski Sunday** (S) **5.45 FILM Catch Me If You Can** (2002) (12) (S)

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8.00 Dragons' Den The panel considers the profit-making potential of a male grooming enterprise. (S)

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9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week The remaining contestants undergo training by a former master sergeant of the US Army's Green Berets. (S)

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10.00 Match of the Day 2 Jason Mohammad reviews the day's Premier League action, which featured Burnley v Chelsea at Turf Moor. (S)

11.00 Live at the Apollo (S)(R) **11.45 Women's Six Nations Highlights** Action from the second round of fixtures. (S)

12.15 FILM All Good Things (2010) (15) Crime drama, starring Ryan Gosling and Kirsten Dunst. (S) **1.50 Sign Zone: Question Time** (S)(R) **2.50 Holby City** (S)(R) **3.50 This Is BBC Two** (S)

ITV



9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Countrywise** (S)(R) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) **11.30 Chopping Block** (S) (R) **12.30 ITV News** (S) **12.40 FILM Murder on the Orient Express** (1974) (PG) (S) **3.05 All Star Family Fortunes** (S)(R) **3.50 Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) **4.50 The Voice UK** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.30 Dance Dance Dance** (S)

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8.00 Lion Country: Night and Day The two prides find their territories overlapping. (S)

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9.00 The Good Karma Hospital A mysterious man is found washed up on the beach. Ruby gets to grips with her new routine at the hospital, but begins to question Gabriel's conduct. (S)

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10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.20 Six Nations Highlights** Including action from Wales v England. (S)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present action from the latest top-flight fixtures.

12.15 Jackpot247 **3.00 Chopping Block** (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

Channel 4



6.15 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **1.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** (S)(R) **2.35 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S)(R) **3.40 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **4.45 Channel 4 News** (S) **5.15 FILM Mrs Doubtfire** (1993) (12) Comedy, with Robin Williams. (S)

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7.30 The Jump The contestants compete in snowcross. Presented by Davina McCall. (S)

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8.00 On Benefits: To Heat or to Eat? That's the Question New series. A father of six cannot afford to both feed his family and heat their home. (S)

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9.00 Amy Winehouse: The Last Hours Of Dr Jason Payne-James investigates the circumstances surrounding the singer's death in July 2011. (S)(R)

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10.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jon Richardson and David Mitchell take on Joe Wilkinson and Roisin Conaty. (S) (R)

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11.00 FILM 127 Hours (2010) (15) Danny Boyle's fact-based drama, with James Franco and Kate Mara. (S)

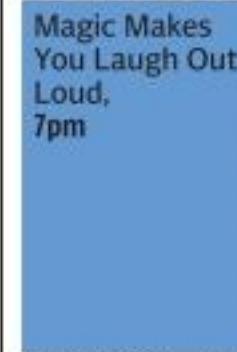
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12.50 How to Get Fit Fast (S)(R) **1.40 I Do At 92** (S)(R) **2.35 Hoarder SOS** (S) **3.25 Building the Dream** (S) **4.15 Phil: Secret Agent Down Under** (S)(R) **5.05 Phil: Secret Agent Down Under** (S)(R)

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1.00 SuperCasino **3.10 Secrets of the National Trust** with Alan Titchmarsh (S)(R) **4.00 World's Most Pampered Pets** (S)(R) **4.50 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.15 Nick's Quest** (S)(R) **5.40 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R) **5.50 Roary the Racing Car** (S)(R)

Channel 5



6.00 Milkshake! **9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** (S)(R) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S) (R) **11.20 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S) (R) **11.50 Police Interceptors: Unleashed** (S)(R) **12.15 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **2.15 Police Interceptors: Smash & Grab** (S)(R) **3.10 FILM Jackie Chan's The Medallion** (2003) (PG) **5.00 FILM The Last Airbender** (2010) (PG) (S)

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7.00 Magic Makes You Laugh Out Loud Internet videos of magic tricks going horribly wrong. (S) **7.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

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10.00 Most Shocking Moments in Pop 2 Celebrating outrageous events from the world of pop music, including Grace Jones hitting Russell Harty on his chat show. (S)(R)

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6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold **6.25 Emmerdale** **9.10 Coronation Street** **11.40 The Voice UK** **1.00 2Awesome 1.05 2Awesome: Guidance** **1.40 2Awesome: Fame High 2.00 2Awesome: Third Wheel** **2.30 2Awesome: LA Story 2.50 FILM: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement** (2004) (U) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. **3.50 FYI Daily** **3.55 FILM: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement** (2004) (U) Concluded. **5.10 FILM: The Haunted Mansion** (2003) (PG) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **6.10 FYI Daily** **6.15 FILM: The Haunted Mansion** (2003) (PG) Concluded. **7.00 FILM: Coyote Ugly** (2000) (12) Comedy drama, starring Piper Perabo. **8.00 FYI Daily** **8.05 FILM: Coyote Ugly** (2000) (12) Concluded. **9.00 Ibiza Weekender** **10.00 Family Guy** **11.30 American Dad!** **12.30 The Cleveland Show** **1.30 Ibiza Weekender** **2.20 Teleshopping** **5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.25 Murder, She Wrote** **8.25 Heartbeat** **10.35 Sherlock Holmes: The Master Blackmailer** **11.35 FILM: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey** (1993) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and William Shatner. **2.55 FILM: Carry On Matron** (1972) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **3.55 FYI Daily** **4.00 FILM: Carry On Matron** (1972) (PG) Concluded. **4.45 Wycliffe** **5.55 This Time Next Year** **7.00 Midsomer Murders** **9.00 Tonight at the London Palladium** **10.00 Birds of a Feather** **10.30 Joanna Lumley: The Search for Noah's Ark** **12.00 A Touch of Frost** **3.35 May the Best House Win** **5.20 On the Buses** **5.45 ITV3 Nightscreen**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Wagner's Ring Cycle **9.35 James May at the Edge of Space** **10.05 The Sky at Night** **10.35 The Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles** **11.35 British History's Biggest Fibs** with Lucy Worsley **12.35 Michael Grade's History of the Pantomime Dame** **1.35 Len Goodman's Big Band Bonanza** **2.35 Horizon: The Core** **3.35 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.20 How I Met Your Mother** **7.05 Melissa & Joey** **8.00 Baby Daddy** **8.55 The Goldbergs** **9.25 Hollyoaks** **11.55 Coach Trip: Road to Marbs** **2.35 The Jump** **4.05 The Big Bang Theory**; **Bromance** **7.00 FILM: Men in Black** (1997) (PG) Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **9.00 Marvel's Agents**

5.00 SHIELD **10.00 FILM: Your Highness** (2011) (15) Fantasy comedy, starring Danny McBride. **12.00 Tattoo Fixers** **1.05 The Inbetweeners** **2.15 Gogglebox** **3.10 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD** **3.55 Hollyoaks**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Building the Dream **10.00 Coastal Walks with My Dog** **11.00 Vet on the Hill** **12.00 Come Dine with Me** **2.40 Four in a Bed** **5.20 Come Dine with Me** **7.55 Car SOS** **9.00 Father Ted** **10.00 Lee Mack: Hit the Road Mack** **11.05 The Big Fat Quiz of Everything** **12.45 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** **1.50 Father Ted** **2.55 Car SOS** **3.50 Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

1.00 The Black Swan (1942) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure, with Tyrone Power. **1.00 Tooth** (2004) (U) Children's fantasy adventure, starring Yasmine Paige. **2.45 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer** (2011) (PG) Comedy, starring Jordana Beatty. **4.30 Carry On Spying** (1964) (U) Comedy, starring Kenneth Williams. **6.15 Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk** Interview Special **6.25 Life of PI** (2012) (PG) Adventure, starring Suraj Sharma. **9.00 Non-Stop** (2014) (12) Action thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **11.05 Black Mountain Poets** (2015) (15) Comedy drama, starring Alice Lowe and Dolly Wells. **12.55 Prevenge** Interview Special **1.05 Wish You Were Here** (1987) (15) **3.00 Close**

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Top Gear **8.00 Top Gear India Special** **10.00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge** **11.00 Motorway Cops** **12.00 Jay Leno's Garage** **2.00 Top Gear** **5.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race** **6.00 Top Gear Winter Olympics Special** **7.00 Top Gear India Special** **9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You** **10.00 Suits** **11.00 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish** **12.00 Crackanory** **12.40 Room 101** **1.20 Mock the Week** **2.00 Suits** **2.50 Live at the Electric** **4.00 Close**

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 New Tricks **8.00 The Bill** **12.00 Sense and Sensibility** **4.00 Catherine Cookson's The Gambling Man** **7.00 New Tricks** **9.00 Silent Witness** **11.10 Spooks** **1.10 Catherine Cookson's The Gambling Man** **4.00 Home Shopping**

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6.00 Hour of Power **7.00 Futurama** <b

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Holding nothing back

By James Richings

IT'S fair to say that 2016 was the year of shocks - numerous celebrity deaths, Brexit, Donald Trump becoming US President, Leicester City winning the Premier League and the X Factor still being on our screens surprised many people.

So you can imagine comedian Andy Parsons had a field day when writing his new show Peak Bullsh*t, which will arrive at the Chipping Norton Theatre on Wednesday, February 15.

This is the comic's first UK tour since his Live and Unleashed... But Naturally Cautious tour two years ago, with the show examining topics nobody can get away from.

"2016 will be remembered for the EU referendum and Donald Trump and Boris Johnson and Michael Gove," Andy said.

"So if I have to summarise the show, it's asking has the world gone mad, what it means to British in 2017, what it means to be a patriot - and is it true that we only like immigrants if they can win us gold medals at the Olympics?"

He added: "You could argue it's the worst time to be a satirist because events of 2016 have proved that what satirists say has no effect whatsoever on the general public.

"Satirists should be arguing for World War III and an increase in bankers' bonuses on the grounds that, then, they are much less likely to happen."

Away from the stage, Andy became well known for his appearances on the panel show Mock the Week, a show he first appeared on in 2005.

But it could have been so different for the 49-year-old, who originally aimed to pursue a career in law.

Andy studied the subject at Christ's College in Cambridge where he met Henry Naylor.

The two soon became good friends and decided to form a double act, where they toured with the National Student Theatre Company twice, and the Cambridge University dramatic club Footlights.

However, after graduating, Andy got a job working as a legal clerk on a case at the Greenock shipyards, which was when he realised he wanted to pursue a career in comedy.

Whilst doing a number of small gigs, he received his first writing job for the satirical puppet show Spitting Image, before getting the call to be a regular panellist on Mock the Week.

He is now regarded as one of the most successful British comedians with five sell-out national tours.

"I think people really are hungry for political debate," Andy said.

"While we are being bombarded with information, you could argue that we know much less about the world we live in - what with the growth of fake news on the internet and people really don't trust experts any more.

"There is so much bullsh*t out there that people don't know where to go for their news and information.

"Apparently a lot of people are getting their information from comedy shows, which given that they are comedy shows, is very worrying.

"You ask any comedian why the chicken crossed the road and they will all give you a different answer."

The show is suitable for over 14s. Tickets cost £16.50 and it starts at 7.45pm.



Duo hope for stand-out performance

THEY may have only been going for less than two years but Rews have certainly made an impression.

The alternative rock duo of singer-songwriter and vocalist Shauna Tohill and musician Collette Williams have gained over 3,000 Facebook likes in that time and released four tracks to rave reviews.

So the two friends are pretty confident their debut gig at the Fusion Arts Centre in Oxford on Saturday will go smoothly.

But why call themselves Rews?

"Rews was inspired by the Dutch surname 'Reus', which means the tall people, and we aspire to stand out," Shauna told the Guardian.

"Plus, we are pretty tall as well!"

"Since we've been performing together, it's just amazing to see people connecting and being moved either emotionally or physically.

"This helps you see that perhaps music really does help people to gain power, relax and perspective in every day situations."

As well as visiting the Princes Street venue, the two musicians will also travel to theatres and arts centres in Newcastle, Aldershot, Cardiff, Nottingham and Birmingham to name just a few as they continue to make a name for themselves.



• Rews (from left) Shauna Tohill and Collette Williams

Collette then revealed to the Guardian: "As one person once told us - it takes 10 years to become an overnight success.

"But we just have to do it (make music) because we love it."

"And on the night, expect lots of noise, songs the audience can let their hair down to and get lost in."

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The gig will begin at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5.

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Are you Mutching me much?

By James Richings

A MIXTURE of stand-up comedy and music will be on the cards when Mitch Benn arrives in Banbury.

The comedian, who is well known for incorporating music into his sets, is currently on his Don't Fear the Reaper UK tour, stopping off at the town's Mill Arts Centre on Friday, February 17.

And even though the show is set to be a lighthearted affair, Mitch revealed why he decided to choose a dark title for his latest tour.

"Aside from the obvious (if you're

an old rock bore like me), it is a Blue Oyster Cult reference as it was the fact that the slew of famous people dying last year got me thinking about my own mortality and mortality in general," he said.

"It's the one thing that truly unites us but the last thing we want to talk about. So I decided to crack a bunch of jokes and sing some songs about it instead."

Mitch's comedy career began in 1994 when a then 24-year-old aspiring comedian was trying out stand-up for the first time at the Edinburgh Univer-

sity Theatre Company, where he soon became a frequent member.

As time went on, his audiences increased and two years later in 1996, Liverpudlian Mitch moved to London where his lively shows made him an established name in the UK comedy clubs, where he also became a regular on the university circuit.

Soon after his comedy career got off the ground, Mitch then became a radio presenter where he was a contributor to BBC Radio 4's The Now Show for 17 years. He has also presented shows on Radio 2 and Radio 4 Extra.

So with such a glittering career which has lead the 46-year-old to perform all over the country, he revealed what he believes is the greatest achievement.

"Without a doubt, the greatest achievement of my life so far is keeping my two daughters happy," he told the Guardian.

"And from my own experience, I personally think it's good for 'youngsters' (are they still called that?) to get involved in stuff like this.

"Especially live stuff because if it's music and/or comedy then so much



• Mitch Benn

the better, and if it's being done by me then that's just great."

The show is suitable for over 14s, tickets cost £15.50, and it starts at 8pm.

Scottish sounds from award-winning musicians

THE sounds of Scottish country music will be heard at The Northwall Arts Centre when Breabach arrive in the city on Tuesday, February 14.

The five-piece band, who are made up of Calum MacCrimmon (pipes, whistles, and vocals), Megan Henderson (fiddle), Ewan Robertson (guitar and vocals), James Duncan Mackenzie (pipes and flute) and James Lindsay (double bass), arrive at the South Parade venue to showcase tunes off their latest album, Astar, released at the end of last year.

James Lindsay believes the gig – the first at the venue – will be one to

remember, due to the inspiration behind their latest album.

"Astar is inspired by the journey we have been on as a band in the last five years. We've been so fortunate to travel to different continents and countries and meet, as well as collaborate with some amazing musicians. We wanted to pay homage to these experiences."

Since forming in 2005, the group have released five popular albums and have won numerous awards such as the 'Folk Band of the Year' category at last year's MG Alba Scots Trad Music Awards.

They were also nominated for the

'Best Group' category at the 2015 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards – and James hopes the success can continue in 2017.

"When you receive an award or even get nominated, it's really humbling to get recognition for the work we've put in," James said.

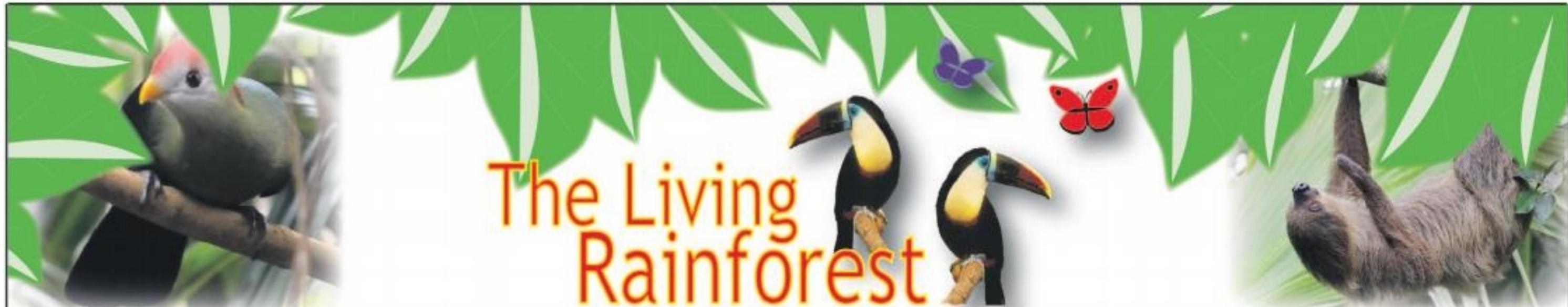
"It's nice to know people like what we do."

He added: "Playing live is the one of the best parts of this job so when the audience is excited about our music it amps us up and sparks can fly on stage."

Tickets cost from £10 to £12 and the gig will start at 8pm.



• Breabach (from left) Megan Henderson, James Lindsay, Ewan Robertson, Calum MacCrimmon and James Duncan Mackenzie



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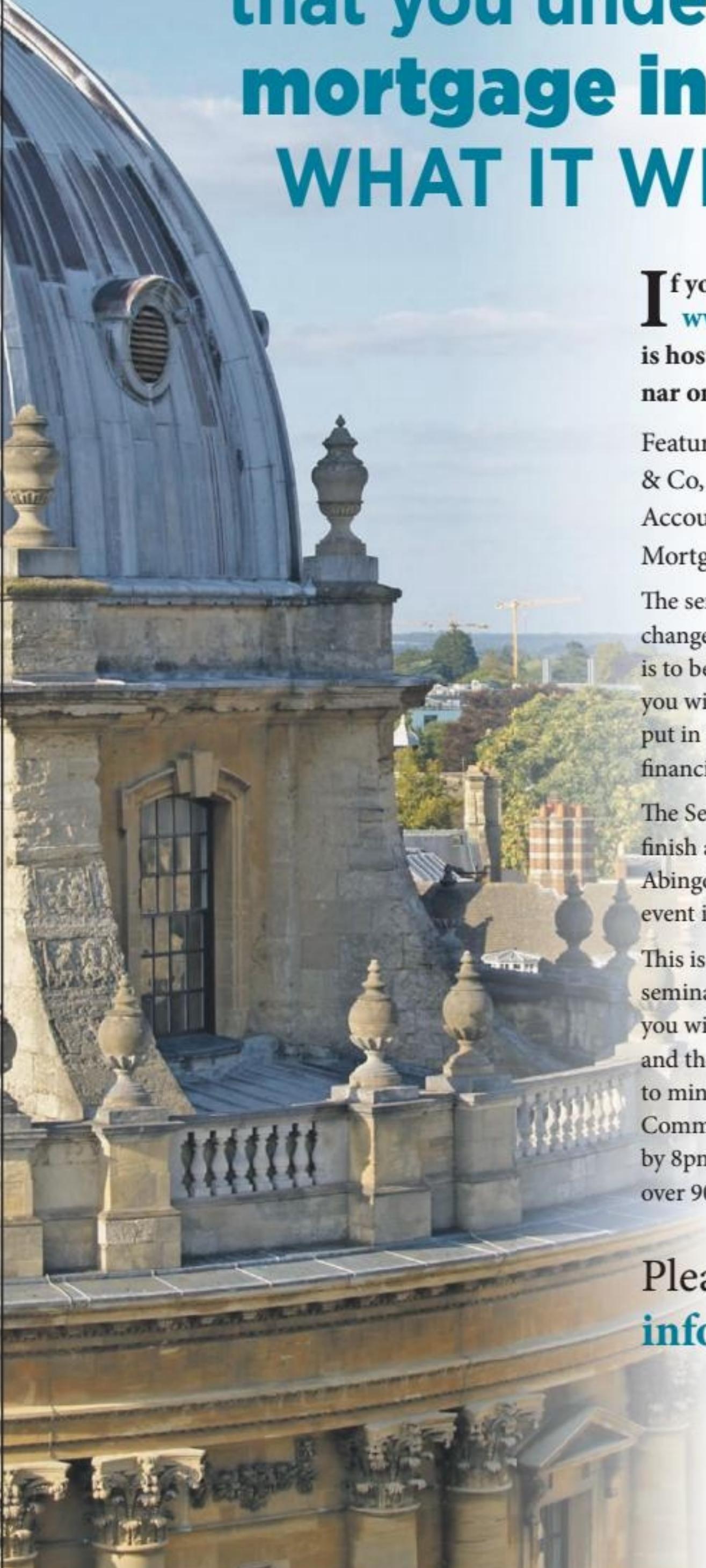
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In recent weeks many people have asked how Oxford house prices have performed over 2016, and how different parts of Oxford are performing relative to others.

Over the last 12 months there were 3,202 property transactions across Oxford which was 12 per cent down on the previous 12-month period. Despite a fall in volumes, Rightmove advises Oxford prices are six per cent up on the previous year, so reduced volumes have not been mirrored by reduced demand, which remains buoyant.

By property type, apartments have performed the best, increasing 14.5 per cent over the last 12 months, followed by detached houses at 7.1 per cent, terraced at 6.4 per cent and semi-detached at just 2.5 per cent.

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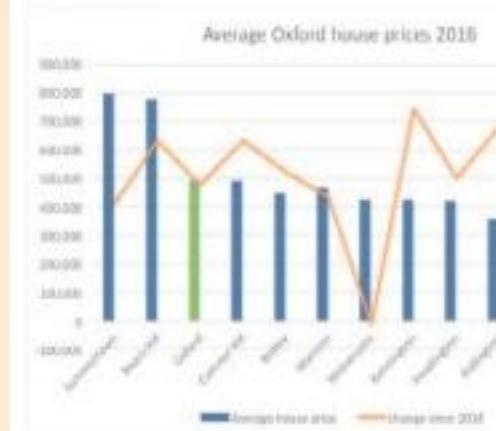


According to Rightmove, the average value of property sold last year in Oxford is £492,531, six per cent up on the previous year and 16 per cent up since 2014.

However the spread in performance across Oxford's main sub-markets is from -9 per cent (Wolvercote) to +14 per cent (Greater Leys).

The top five performing areas of Oxford since 2014 are Greater Leys, Kennington, Kidlington, Cumnor Hill, and Boars Hill. Over the last 12 months however the picture looks quite different, the top five being Greater Leys, Cumnor Hill, Kennington, Cowley, and Marston.

Picture 2

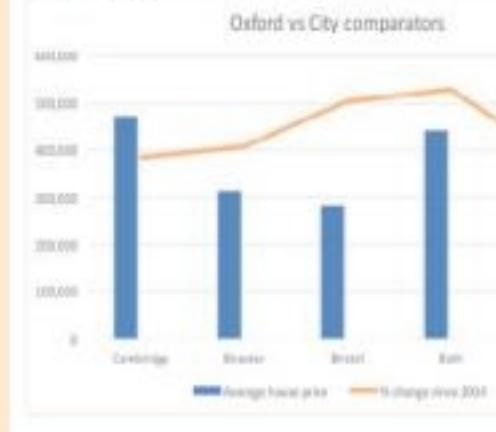


and transaction volume with prices up 13 per cent, again offering good value and better rental yields for investors.

So how has Oxford performed relative to other UK cities? The average house price in Cambridge is £472,590, and has increased in value by 16 per cent since 2014 – closely matching Oxford which remains a little more expensive.

Bath has an average price of £442,250 but a stronger growth profile since 2014 of 22 per cent which is comparable growth to neighbouring Bristol, where an average property is considerably lower at £284,100. It is also interesting to look at Oxford's neighbour, Bicester, where the average property is worth £312,539 - some £180,000 below Oxford, showing comparable two-year growth of 17 per cent.

Picture 3



There remains an air of uncertainty despite positive economic data, but most commentators agree that Oxford should comfortably match the average UK market forecast of six per cent to 6.5 per cent increase in average prices during 2017. Over the last five years Oxford property values have increased by 37 per cent, 2017 looks set to add to that growth positively.



• From front page

Reaching further to the rear of the property, the light, bright and functional galley kitchen has been well appointed to make best use of the space, whilst the addition of a raised conservatory-come-dining area allows natural light to flood into the space, offering the perfect spot to enjoy an evening meal, or take advantage of the attractive sky views.

To the first floor, the master bedroom benefits from a stream and river outlook, as well as a feature fireplace while the front-aspect window allows plenty of natural light into the room.

The landing provides access to the bathroom and second floor, and boasts a rear facing sash window creating a light and bright atmosphere

whilst providing enough space to create a small study area.

The second bedroom has dual aspect windows to the front and rear of the property whilst benefitting from useful built-in storage.

The accommodation is completed by a family bathroom which has been fitted with a modern white suite and also contains the airing cupboard.

Externally the rear garden enjoys an elevated position providing a sunny spot to soak up the sun. The garden consists of a

lawn with shrubs and flower beds as well as a patio, which lends itself well as a social space.

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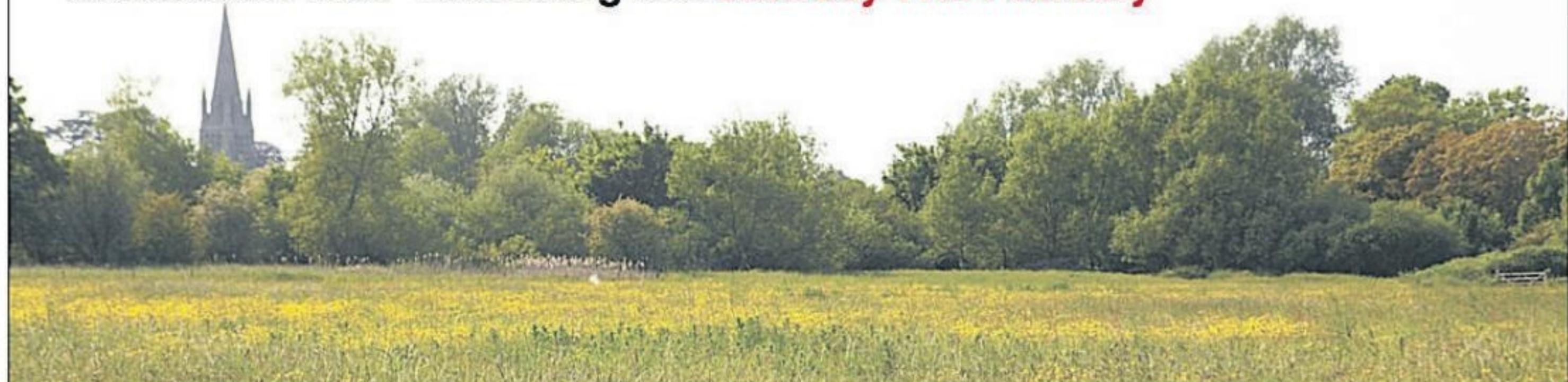
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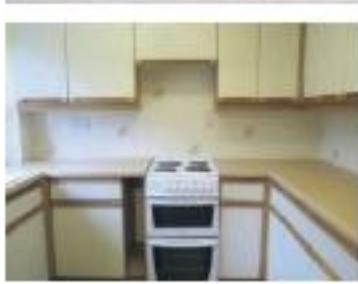
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£277,000



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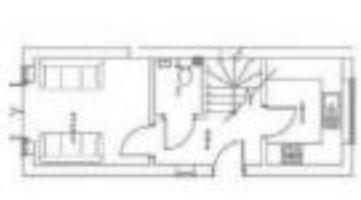
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£425,000

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£210,000

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£285,000

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£358,000

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£314,995

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OIE £325,000

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Haddenham

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£575,000

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£475,000

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£600,000

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ST MARY'S COURT, BAMPTON £175,000-220,000



N.B: Photo - example of style available, not actual home. Brand New Prestige Sonata twin unit to be sited on popular private park, backing onto farmland. Proposed accommodation: Porch, hall, lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, (utility room), 2 good bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room and walk-in wardrobe), (study), bathroom, furnishings, carpets, curtains, blinds, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, maintenance-free white UPVC fascias, barge boards and soffits, textured walls, Decra style roof, brick built skirt and steps, gardens with open views to rear over farmland, on-site car parking space. For full details, plans, specifications etc contact Kevin Newton at Brookwood Estate Agents

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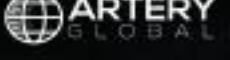
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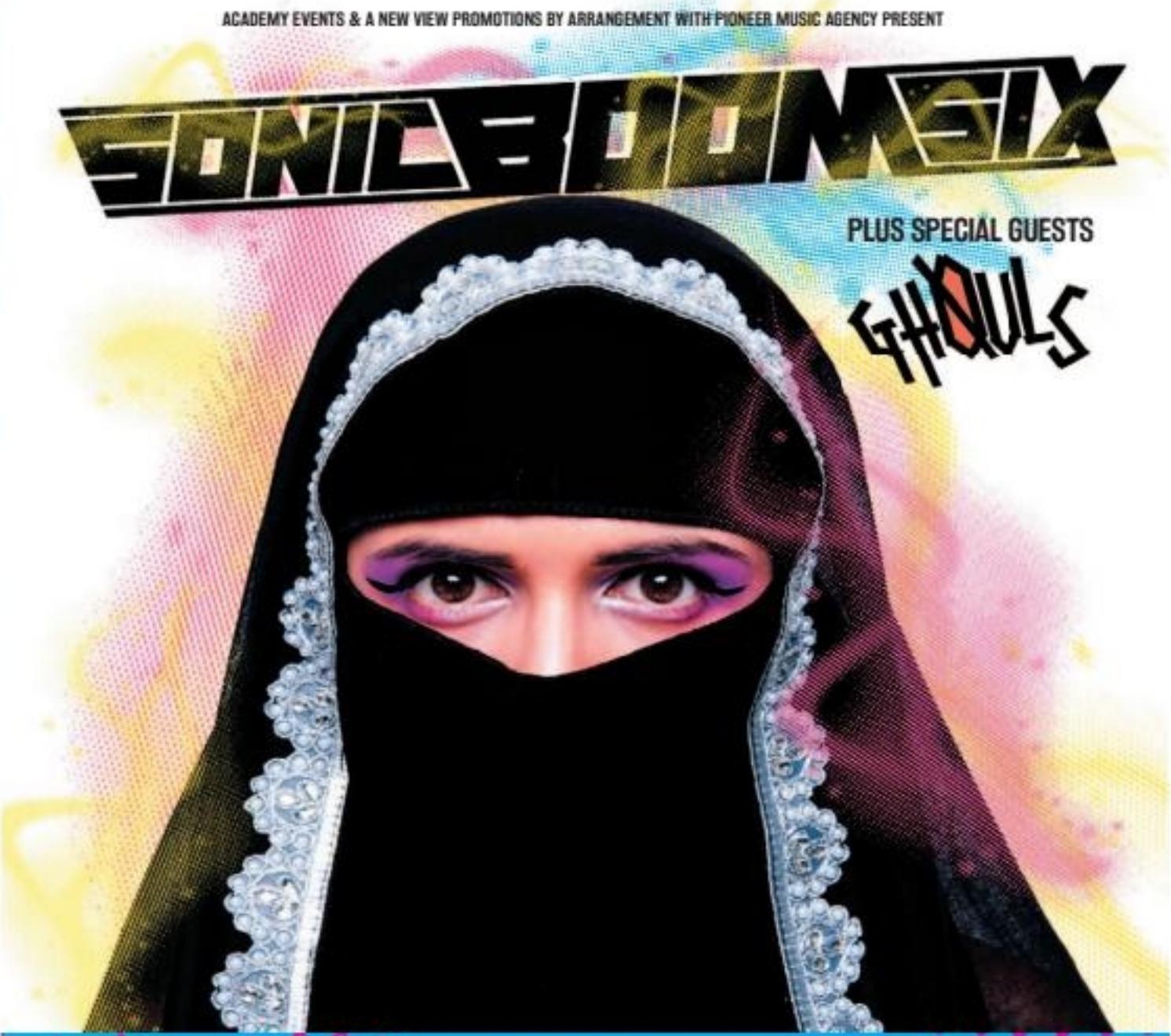
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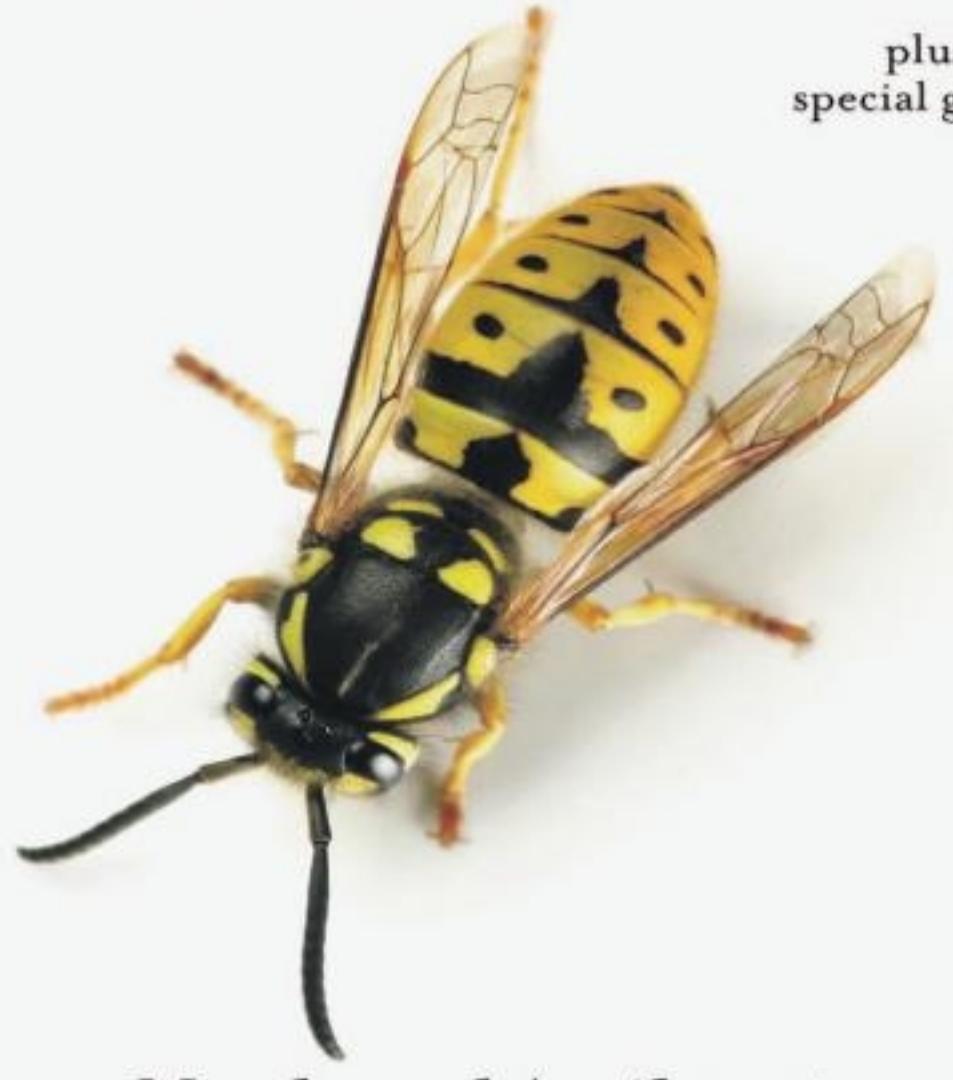
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**Thu, Feb 9, 7.30pm
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SINGING' IN THE RAIN

Singin' in the Rain is a 1952 American musical comedy film directed and choreographed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen, starring Kelly, Donald O'Connor, and Debbie Reynolds. It offers a light-hearted depiction of Hollywood in the late 1920s, with the three stars portraying performers caught up in the transition from silent films to "talkies."

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COMEDY

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More than just a singer

By James Richings

BOB Dylan is a living legend.

Originally born Robert Zimmerman, the 75-year old is one of the world's most influential artists.

Millions of album sales, sold out tours, number ones all over the world and incredibly powerful lyrics have made him one of the biggest names in music.

So for Bill Lennon, who will be portraying the musician at The Chipping Norton Theatre on Friday, February 10, the chance to become one of his heroes was a 'no brainer', as the Spring Street faithful will be able to relive some of Dylan's most iconic songs.

"I have always been a fan ever since I heard my dad's Freewheelin' Bob Dylan album as a youngster," Bill told the Guardian.

"So with the show, it was really just waiting for the right time. And although there have been other Dylan tributes, I felt it needed a proper theatre show to really do it justice."

With a career spanning over 50 years, Dylan has been recognised for his dedi-

cation to the arts beyond music. His songwriting skills have landed him 12 Grammy Awards, an Oscar, a Golden Globe and the Nobel Prize for Literature.

He has also been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, and Songwriters Hall of Fame, but away from entertaining millions of people around the world, Dylan is also a frequent painter and has had his work published in numerous books.

"He is an absolute legend," Bill said.

"He has written many songs that might cause even non-Dylan fans to reassess their position.

"Mr Tambourine Man (The Byrds) and All Along The Watchtower (Hendrix) are examples that spring immediately to mind and are all performed in the show.

"Ultimately, I think he gave people licence to demand more from their music experience than a lightweight 'boy meets girl' ditty at a time when that was the norm."

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £18.50.



• Bill Lennon as Bob Dylan (Picture by Jonnie Page Photography)

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Local Vets embrace Valentine's Day!

Vets4Pets Bicester are getting in the spirit of Valentine's Day by organising a love filled open day weekend on the 11th and 12th of February. The event will be called "Love Your Pets, Love your Vets" and will be a heart filled extravaganza of activity.

The Pets at Home store in which the Surgery is housed will also be joining in with the festivities and decorating the store with love hearts.

The weekend will include a tour of the surgery by the qualified vet and nurses for all interested guests, face painting by a professional face painter, competitions to win money-off vouchers as well as other goodies and surprises.

There will also be a "Love your Pet" photo competition where the pets will get to pose with their owners against a themed banner. The pictures will then be entered into a local Bicester competition, which will be featured in the Oxfordshire Guardian and the winner will be selected by the paper's readers.

In honour of the event the surgery will be offering vaccinations for £15 as well as Puppy and Kitten packs starting from £55. Also, as part of the drive to raise awareness and improve the lives of all cats, throughout February, Vets4Pets Bicester will be promoting the benefits of neutering in conjunction with the Cats Protection League and will be offering £5 neutering on all cats until the end of the month.

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A night of laughs

COMEDY: Ross Noble will be arriving at the New Theatre in Oxford on Friday, February 10.

The 40-year-old stand-up comic from Newcastle arrives at the George Street venue as part of his Brain Dump tour.

Tickets cost £29.15 and the show starts at 8pm.

Kate's new material

LIVE MUSIC: Singer-songwriter Kate Nash will gig at the O2 Academy in Oxford on Monday, February 13.

The 29-year-old, who is best known for her 2007 hit Foundations which reached number two in the charts, comes to the Cowley Road venue to showcase new material.

The gig is suitable for over 14s and tickets cost £15.75.

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Meet puppet Fred

THEATRE: One of the most popular shows at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival is at the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Saturday, February 11.

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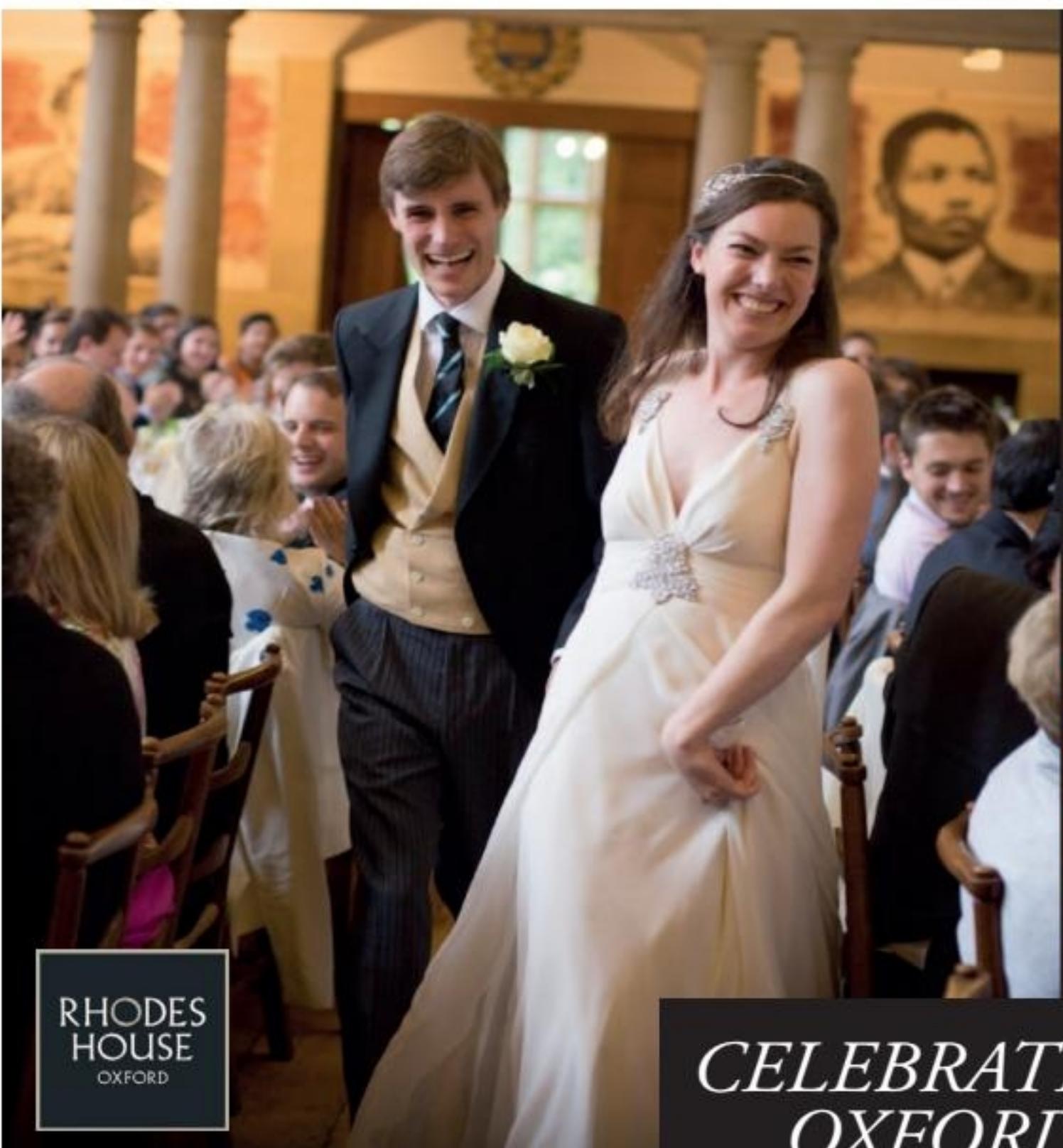


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The changing face of men's wedding attire

As we welcome in the New Year, many freshly engaged couples post-Christmas, will start to make the first tentative steps to planning their wedding. One aspect of this will be the wedding suits. 2017 looks like it will carry forward some of the trends starting to emerge in 2016. I am expecting to see the following trends to increase in popularity:

- The return of the bow tie. We started to see the rise in popularity of the bow tie in 2016, and this trend is set to continue into 2017. The bow tie offers a contemporary edgy look, when paired with a nice lounge suit, and works particularly well with the ever popular tweed wedding look.

- Braces – the return in popularity of the bow tie, has also been mirrored in the rise in demand for braces. When paired together, the groom is able to achieve the ever popular country, vintage look that is proving so popular at the minute.

- Tweed – 2015 and 2016 saw a sharp rise in demand for tweed suits. As barn weddings grew in popularity so too did the country tweed look. We have seen a large increase in the demand for lighter weight tweeds, suitable for wearing for summer weddings, as well as plain herringbone

tweeds, for grooms looking to wear tweed, but not wanting to look like they have just stepped off the shooting ground.

- Slim fit Blue Lounge Suits – 2016 saw a surge in demand for brighter blue lounge suits. This look is likely to prove popular in 2017 also. We expect to see more wedding parties opt for a two piece lounge suit with a contrasting waistcoat rather than a matching three piece suit.

- Brown Or Black Shoes – As sartorial rules on brown shoes seem to be relaxing, 2017 is no doubt going to see the continued rise in demand for brown wedding shoes. Both brown brogues and boots will continue to grow in popularity, as more people opt away from formal wedding attire adopting the more relaxed look of lounge suits and tweed suits.

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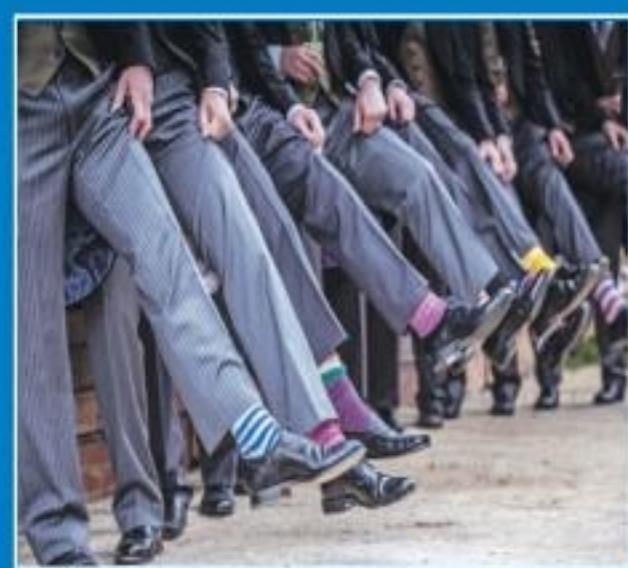
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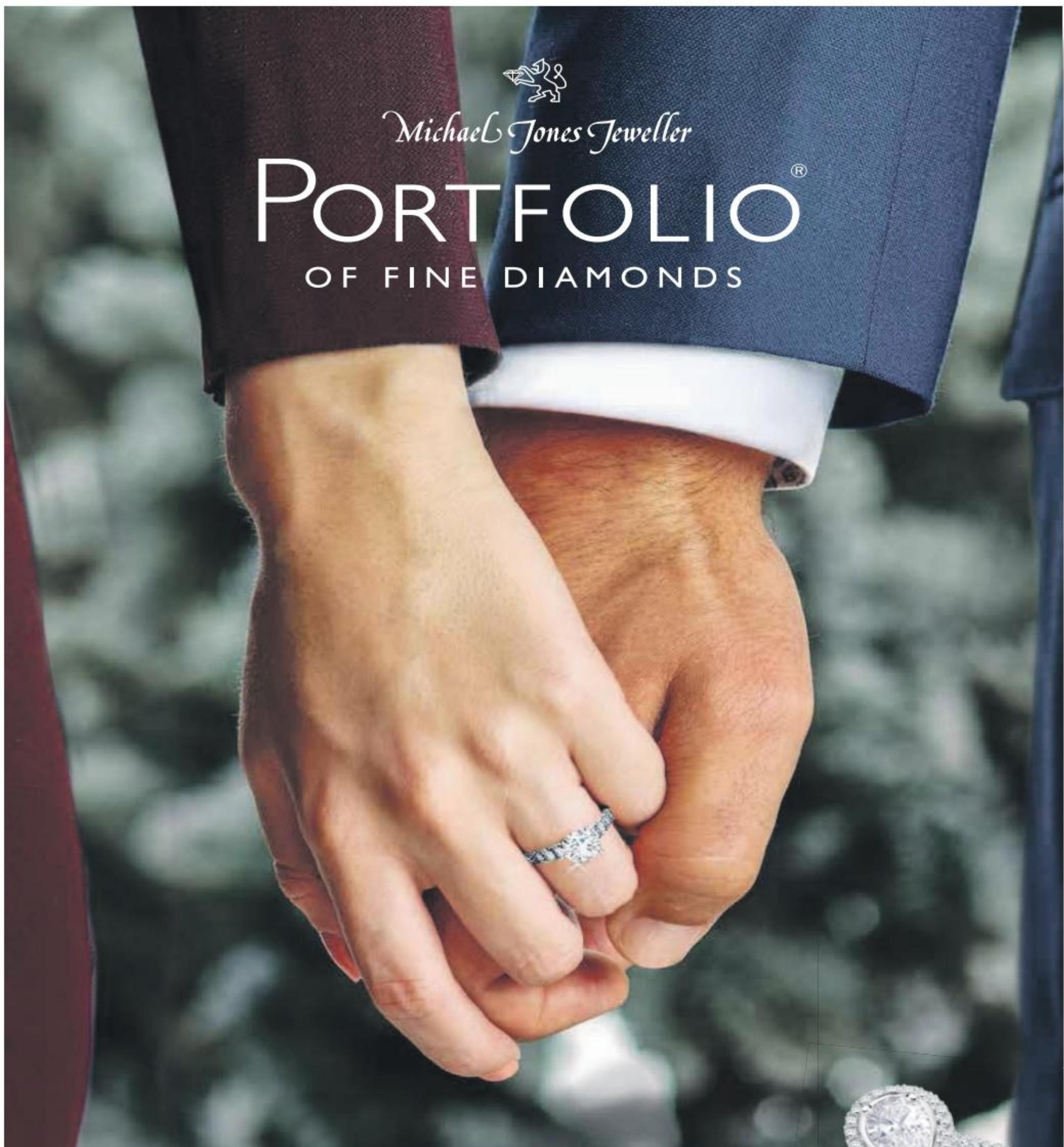
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THE Subaru Legacy Outback was introduced to the world back in 1995, and was for me one of the world's first crossovers - because it had managed to successfully combine the benefits of a passenger estate with the all-road capabilities of an SUV.

Since its introduction, the Outback has acted as Subaru's flagship model in the UK, winning praise for its practical, all-road nature as well as winning the hearts and minds of whoever took to the wheel.

We are now into 2017 - and the fifth generation Subaru Outback you see before you sports a modern exterior design, a significantly higher quality interior than most, along with a raft of safety technology.

POWER AND EFFICIENCY

The Outback was equipped with an efficient 2.0-litre Boxer Diesel engine - a unit that provides you with a maximum power of 150 PS and a torque figure of 350NM. On the combined cycle I achieved 46mpg which is quite impressive and if you are at all interested in

maximum speed - then it comes in at around 119mph and 0-62mph in 9.9s.

Outback buyers also have the option to choose a 175PS naturally-aspirated 2.5-litre petrol engine which has been engineered for greater environmental friendliness and more accessible power, but I would opt for the Diesel every time as I feel it's the better choice out of the two units.

ON THE ROAD

The Outback feels great on any road surface and that's thanks to its predictable handling and smooth ride. Remember the Outback also has some of the best off-road capabilities and is in itself an effortless car to drive thanks mainly to the Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive layout, which helps further increase the Outback's off-road credentials even over some of the toughest terrains.

I was also genuinely astonished how sure footed the Outback felt - even when pushed to the limit. I can clearly see now why so many outdoor family's choose own one as a second car.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Some of standard equipment on

the Outback comes in the form of: Automatic LED headlamps, LED tail lamps, 17-inch aluminium alloy wheels, protective body cladding, wheel mounted gearshift paddles, automatic air conditioning system, tyre pressure monitoring system, 5.0-inch EyeSight LCD driver display, 7 airbags, ABS with Electronic Brake-force Distribution, Thatcham Cat 1 alarm Immobiliser, Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive, Vehicle Dynamics Control, Hill Start Assist and Active Torque Vectoring

Entertainment, you also get a 7.0-inch touch screen infotainment system, satellite navigation, Subaru STARLINK connectivity, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, Bluetooth hands-free, USB port and a six-speaker audio system.

TO SUM UP

The Outback is nothing short of brilliant - it will be everything you will ever need it to be and then some. Of course there are areas where I feel the interior could be a touch better - but it's very functional and the drive is most rewarding. I am happy to give the Outback 5 stars because it truly is



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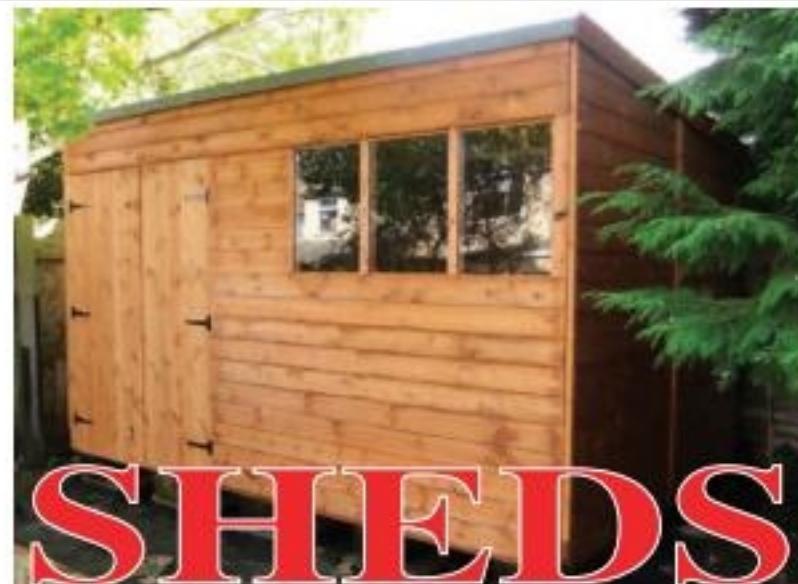
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Young skiers aiming to be in championship pole position

By George Welch

HE may only be 12 years old, but Oxford's Adrian Yung will be taking on boys two years his senior when he races the English Alpine Championships in Italy.

For one so young, the Magdalen College School pupil is well-versed in national competition, participating in what will be at his fourth English championships.

The English Alpine Championships are a week of national-level racing and skiing camaraderie, featuring the best English skiers in the country, ranging from under-10s up to senior athletes.

Yung made his debut in Bormio, Italy, as a 'mini', and finished fourth in the giant slalom three years ago.

The CDC Performance skier, who has aspirations to compete at the Youth Olympics, said: "When I'm skiing, when you do the perfect turn and your skis work to set you up for the next turn, that's what's really golden for me."

"I've raced the England Champs since I was nine years old and I've had success in the

past - I finished fourth there in 2014 in the Giant Slalom.

"This year I'll be racing the slalom, Super G and Giant Slalom in Bormio, and then the same in Tignes, for the British Champs, too."

"I'd say I'm best at GS, and having been fourth before then I'd love to get on the podium this time - it would feel great, I would've achieved my goal for the season."

From Saturday to next Friday, 350 of the best English alpine skiers will descend on Bormio for the 21st English Alpine Championships, organised by national governing body Snowsport England.

Despite being last year's winner, Brize Norton's Jack Cunningham insists he is not feeling the pressure of being defending champion ahead of this year's English Alpine Championships.

The 14-year-old won the overall crown in Bormio, last year, but has made the step up to under-16 level this year and said everyone starts with a clean slate.

And Cunningham, who lives on the RAF base, wants to get as much experience under his

belt as he can.

"I will be doing all the races possible," said the Cheltenham College pupil.

"I'll be targeting the Super G and Giant Slalom, and the slalom may be good as well, but primarily the Super G and GS."

"Last year I was the overall winner. Maybe people will be aiming at me a little bit, but it's a fresh start so I don't really feel like there's much pressure."

And while Cunningham admits he was an unknown quantity heading into last year's race, his form so far this season gives him confidence ahead of the trip to Italy.

"Last year was only my second year in the English, so I wasn't really anybody, I was just there to race, and it happened to go extremely well," he said.

Cunningham started skiing when he was three because his grandparents live in Austria.

• Follow the English Alpine Championships on the Snowsport England Facebook page and get live updates on Twitter @SnowsportEng.

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Scholarships for Oxford trio of players

THREE Oxford-based rugby league players have been offered scholarships at professional side London Broncos.

Cameron Scott (stand off), Euan Stamp (centre) and Alfie Beckett (prop) all got the selectors approval for the Scholarship programme, which will involve 10 games against Super League opposition between February and August this year.

Oxford RL said the success of the Oxford Cavaliers youth section trio is a "truly excellent achievement".

Coach John Connaughton said "The work the boys have done over the last 12 months has been impressive and their success is very much deserved."

"It is also exciting to see

another student from Henry Box achieving in the sport with Cameron Scott following in the footsteps of the Griffin brothers who play in Super League."

Oxford RL added: "It's worth stating that 30 years of activity along with financial millions have been invested in London with numerous strategies over the decades."

"Oxford send three players, with three years coaching in a non-Rugby League playing area and all of them get offers. It brings warmth to the heart of Oxford RL."



• From top, Alfie Beckett, Cameron Scott, Euan Stamp

New general manager for Frilford Heath

FRILFORD Heath Golf Club has announced the appointment of a new general manager at its three championship golf course.

Russell Stebbings, who started his new position at the end of January, joins Frilford Heath Golf Club from Farleigh Golf Club and Restaurant in Surrey.

In his four years at Farleigh he turned the loss making club that Foxhills Group acquired in 2012 into a profitable club by 2016.

In that time they have received the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence in 2014, 2015 and 2016



• Russell Stebbings

for their restaurant.

In the move from the Home Counties to Oxfordshire, Stebbings, who was voted as gen-

eral manager of the year in 2011, brings with him over 16 years' experience in the golf industry.

Alistair Booth, chairman at Frilford Heath Golf Club, said: "We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to Russell."

"His excellent customer service achievements and record speak for themselves and the board is confident that he will make a great contribution to the life of the club."

The club, which boasts European Tour professional Eddie Pepperell a member, added that they have appointed a new golf manager to start in March.

Hat-trick hero stings Hornets



• Alan Green celebrates one of his goals. Picture: @oxfordcitystars

ALAN Green was the hat-trick hero for Oxford City Stars as they beat Bracknell Hornets 5-2 on Sunday to win back-to-back games for the first time since November.

The Stars, buoyed by the previous week's win over second placed Invicta Dynamos, were in ruthless mood at the Oxford Ice Rink as they raced to a 3-0 lead within 10 minutes.

Green scored his first of the night on five minutes and, less than a minute later, Joe Edwards doubled the lead to put the hosts in control.

Just four minutes later and Green netted his second and his side's third in front of a jubilant home crowd.

The puck went backwards and forwards between the teams until the Hornets, who are rooted to the bottom of the table, scored their first goal of the night on 16 minutes through Josh Martin from close range.

The Stars, who are up a place to fourth in the NIHL South 1, host Milton Keynes Thunder on Saturday and travel to Solent Devils on Sunday.

Millers face postponements

NORTH Leigh have only played three of their last eight matches after Saturday's and Tuesday's were both postponed.

The Millers' trip to Shortwood United at the weekend and their home game against Barnstaple Town on Tuesday were both called off due to waterlogged pitches.

Having already faced a fixture pile-up due to memorable runs in the Emirates FA Cup and the Buildbase FA Trophy earlier in the season, the west Oxfordshire side also had three matches postponed last month.

John Brough's side are seven points and four places off the Division 1 South & West play offs but have up to five games in hand on teams above them.

With a bit of luck, the Millers will host Winchester City, who are just a point and position above them, on Saturday.

Ardley double over rivals

ARDLEY United manager Paul Davis couldn't contain his delight after his side scored an injury time winner to complete the double over promotion hopefuls Thatcham Town.

Both sides had a number of opportunities to score that went begging, before Ardley's Matt Cruse slotted home right at the death to pinch a 1-0 victory.

It was Thatcham's first Hellenic Premier League match without scoring a goal since, funnily enough, losing 1-0 to Ardley at home on the opening day of the season in August.

The winner came in added time when Carl Tappin found Cruse, who calmly tucked the ball beyond Chris Rackley to win the game.

A jubilant Davis said afterwards: "What a way to win a game of football!"

"They are always the best ones, when you score late to win, and the worst ones to lose if you concede late."

"We've done both this season, but have won more through late goals at home which tend to stick in the memory when you reflect on games gone by."

"It speaks volumes about our character, the way we keep going, keep working, and it's paid off for us today on a heavy pitch that both sides had to contend with."

The result sees United remain in sixth spot as Thatcham dropped to fifth in the table.

Ardley's Tuesday night clash with league leaders Bracknell Town was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

They travel to mid-table Royal Wootton Bassett on Saturday.

Oxford United Women looking to league after defeat in cup

By George Welch

OXFORD United Women were the victim of a cup upset when they lost 2-0 at Coventry United in the 3rd round of the SSE Women's FA Cup on Sunday.

An Alison Hall header and a Jade Formaston piledriver made it the worst possible start to Oxford's new campaign.

Coventry's win capped a seventh consecutive victory and their 84th goal across all competitions.

But following the new season's curtain raiser the Yellows are now focused on the new Spring Series which kicks off on Sunday with a home game against Everton Ladies at Northcourt Road.

The Spring Series is a new league where the WSL2 teams play each other once, either home or away, with the new WSL2 season then kicking off as a winter league next August.

New boss Karl Milgate said: "It is exciting to be playing again. The girls have been back in for a good pre-season where they have worked extremely hard."

"We have kept the majority of the squad; it is still a very young group but they have been together for a while and there is a terrific team spirit and enth-

usiasm which we hope will enable us to do really well."

"We have made massive progress over the last few years. Demi Lambourne and Riva Casley are involved in the England under 20s and under 18s and last season saw crowds rise by 85 per cent: the biggest in the league."

United have bolstered their squad ahead of Sunday's league opener with the signing of Yeovil midfielder Emily Donovan.

The 19-year-old signed a contract last week to join the U's from Yeovil Town Ladies, where she was part of the squad that won WSL2 last season.

She said: "I'm really excited to have signed for Oxford."

"I know it will take time for me to settle in and get used to a new set up, but everyone has made me feel welcome and I'm really optimistic that Oxford are putting everything in place for a successful season and I want to be an integral part of that."

Meanwhile, last year's WSL2 player of the year Ini Umotong has committed to a new deal.

Oxford's top goalscorer scored 13 times in 19 games last season, making her the top scorer in the league and player of the year.

Defender Riva Casley has also signed a new contract.



• Star striker Umotong in action against Birmingham last summer

Diddy still searching for first win of 2017

DIDCOT Town's winless 2017 continued with their first defeat of the year at home to Salisbury as they slipped into the bottom half of the table.

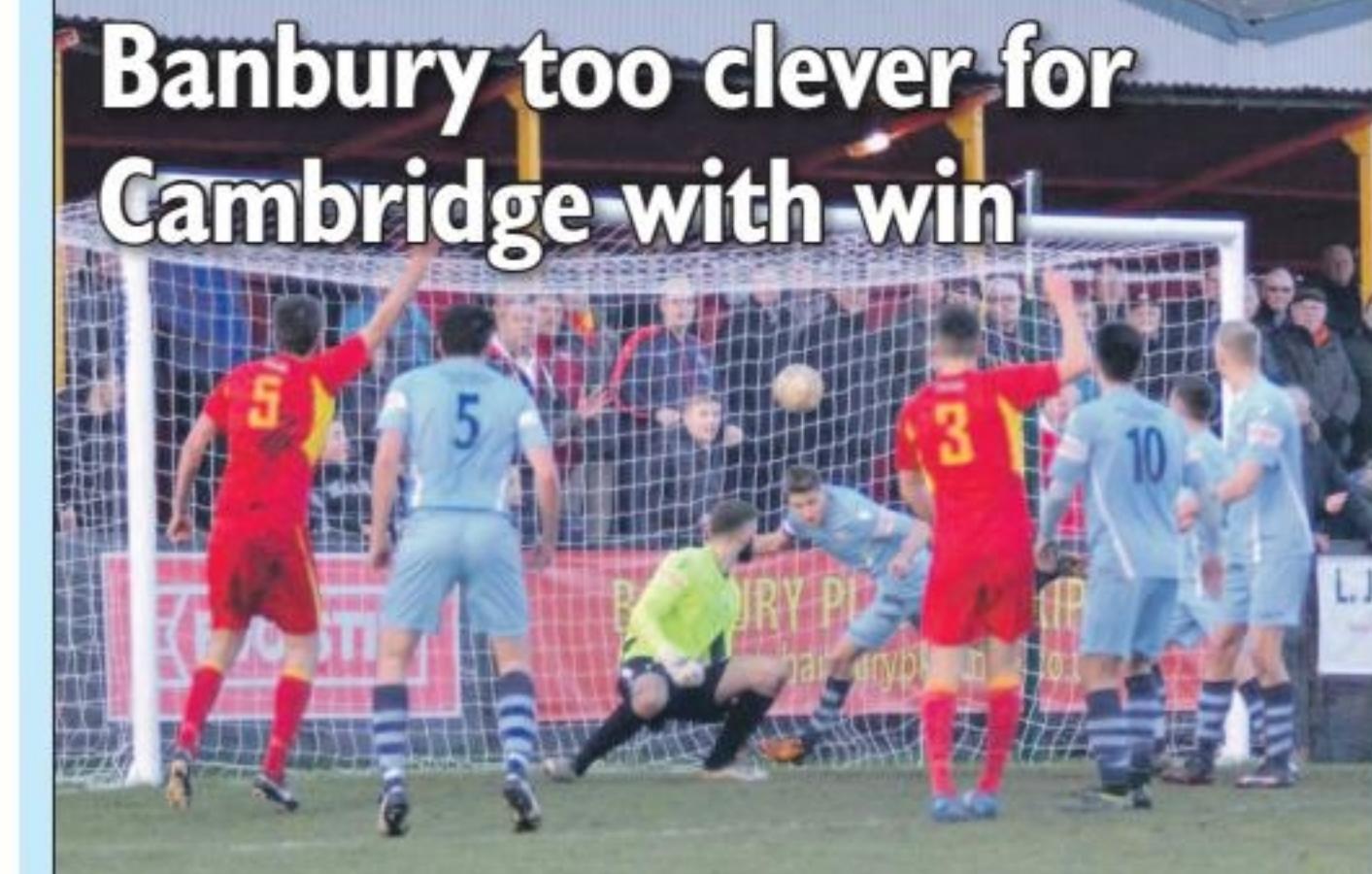
Having drawn all four of their games so far this calendar year, Diddy suffered their first defeat on Saturday after they were undone by a first half strike by the Whites' top league scorer Justin Bennett.

In what was a fairly even Division 1 South & West contest short of any real quality, the match at the Loop Meadow was marred for the hosts with two dismissals.

The one moment of real quality in the game proved the winner for play off hopefuls Salisbury, who have won their last four games in all competitions.

Salisbury left winger Brandon Munday collected the ball just inside the Didcot half, evaded three defenders with ease and crossed for Bennett to divert the

Banbury too clever for Cambridge with win



• Luke Carnell doubles Banbury's lead. Picture: E.A. Barson Photography

BANBURY United reigned their play-off hopes as they got back to winning ways with a 2-0 win over Cambridge City on Saturday.

Goals from Jack Self and Luke Carnell brought back the winning feeling for the Puritans after suffering back-to-back defeats against Merthyr Town and Basingstoke Town.

United took the lead just before the half hour when Ricky Johnson nodded a Marvin Martin cross to Self who, from 15 yards out, chested the ball down and hit a superb left footed volley into the top corner of the net.

Banbury always looked in control and grabbed the all-important second goal in the 73rd minute when a corner from the right saw Carnell head the ball home from

the edge of the six yard box at the far post. City tried to rally and had their best spell of the game in the final 10 minutes, but they were unable to force their way back into the match.

Banbury remain in sixth place in the Southern Premier Division as they search for back-to-back promotions, four points and one place off the play-offs.

Mike Ford's side travel to mid-table Biggleswade Town on Saturday.

United are also through to the Oxfordshire Senior Cup semi-final with a 3-0 win over Hook Norton on Tuesday.

Goals from James Smith, Darius Browne and Johnson (p) fired the Puritans into the last four.



• Leigh Bedwell makes a save against Evesham United. Picture: Roger Neal

Get behind the U's this weekend for Fan Day

THE Kassam Stadium will be a sea of yellow and blue on Saturday as Oxford United's League One match against MK Dons has been allocated as Fan Day by the club.

Almost 4,000 Oxford fans made the trip to Milton Keynes earlier in the season and after a full house against Newcastle last weekend, and with another sold-out away end at Swindon on Sunday, the club said it wants the stadium to be buzzing once again.

There will be fun activities around the ground before kick-off, including coaching from Oxford United Women's side and special player visits in the club's new family room.

There's also a chance for fans to head to the Oxford City Stars for an MK double-header as they take on Milton Keynes at the Oxford Ice Rink.

This is part of the club's 'Oxfordshire United' movement, which builds relationships between sports clubs across the whole of the county.

The hardiest of fans can make it a triple header of Oxfordshire sport by going to watch Oxford United Women kick off their new Spring Series at home to



• Fans celebrate the equaliser against Swindon on Sunday Picture: Steve Daniels

Hone your skills with half-term fun

FOOTBALL-MAD children can book for Oxford United's February Half Term Soccer Courses.

The club's FA qualified coaches help young footballers aged 4-13 to have fun and improve their skills and have

the chance to chat to first team players.

Two courses for boys and girls of all abilities will run from Crowmarsh Recreation Ground and The Oxford Academy while a girls only group will be held at Abing-

don United FC, Northcourt Road. All the courses run from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday next week and cost £65 per week / £20 per day. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/hnf9kj> for an application form.

United v Luton in Checkatrade

OXFORD United discovered who they will face in the Checkatrade Trophy semi final as well as their potential finalists at Wembley.

The U's will travel to Luton for the

match currently due to be played on March 1 after the Hatters beat Yeovil 5-2 on Tuesday night.

The date may change dependent on other fixtures.

The other semi final, which also took place on Tuesday, saw League One Coventry City beat League Two Wycombe Wanderers 2-1 to secure their place in the final on April 2.

Late goals give victory to United

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Chris Maguire, and the winger-turned-left back eluded a defender before finding the onrushing Sercombe to bundle home the equaliser.

And the visiting fans were still celebrating when Hall danced past two defenders, worked the ball to his left and unleashed a drive that was past Vigouroux in a flash to give United a 2-1 lead.

Swindon's miserable afternoon was complete and United's joy unbound when Vigouroux was sent off in injury time.

It has been a week to remember for the U's, who have beaten their nearest rivals, humiliated Newcastle United in the FA Cup and



Ryan Ledson celebrates with Liam Sercombe after he scored United's first goal. Picture: Steve Daniels

moved a step closer to Wembley in the Checkatrade Trophy.

United remain mid table in League One, six points off the play offs with a game in hand,

while Swindon are one place and one point above the relegation zone.

The U's are at home to MK Dons on Saturday.

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1	Sheff Utd	30	23	60
2	Scunthorpe	29	26	58
3	Bolton	28	15	51
4	Fleetwood	30	13	51
5	Bradford	30	12	50
6	Southend	29	7	46

7	Rochdale	28	5	46
8	Peterborough	29	6	44
9	Millwall	29	4	44
10	Bristol Rovers	30	-2	43
11	Walsall	30	-1	42
12	Charlton	28	8	40
13	Oxford United	28	5	40
14	MK Dons	29	2	38
15	AFC Wimbledon	28	1	37
16	Northampton	30	-7	33
17	Gillingham	29	-9	33
18	Shrewsbury	30	-12	32
19	Port Vale	28	-14	32
20	Swindon	30	-16	29

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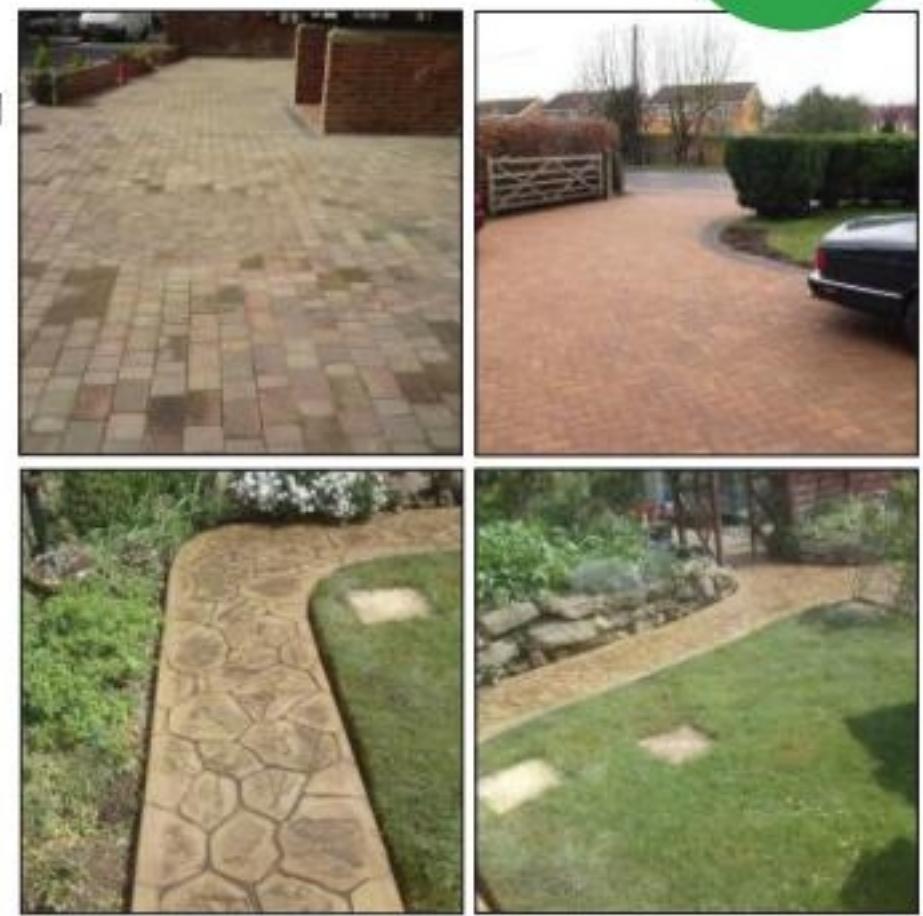
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Derby day delight as Oxford do double over neighbours



• The players celebrate at the end of the game
Picture: Steve Daniels

By George Welch

OXFORD United scored two goals in three second half minutes to come from behind and beat arch rivals Swindon Town 2-1 on Sunday.

Goals from Liam Sercombe and Rob Hall cancelled out a first half Swindon strike from Fankaty Dabo at the County Ground to extend their unbeaten run against the Robins to seven matches.

The win means that Oxford – who have now won seven of their previous eight matches against Swindon – have completed the league double against their rivals, just as they did in League Two in the 2011/12 season.

And Swindon goalkeeper Lawrence Vigouroux had a personal double of his own after being sent off against the U's – again.

After being sent off for lashing out at Alex MacDonald in September's

league clash at the Kassam, the stopper received his marching orders in injury time on Saturday when he rushed too far from goal and was deemed to have brought down Kane Hemmings.

Vigouroux has since been reprieved after the FA overturned his red card.

There have been five dismissals in the last four battles between the sides.

It was full blooded match but the first goal of the afternoon came the

way of the Robins on 19 minutes.

After failing to clear their lines, United were forced to pay when the ball fell to Chelsea loanee Dabo, who took a touch and fired low into Simon Eastwood's right hand corner.

It was the wing back's first senior goal and the first goal Swindon have scored against Oxford in six matches.

United, who last lost to Town in March 2001, were indebted to keeper Eastwood who had to be on form to

deny Charlie Colkett – another Chelsea loanee – from doubling the host's lead on the stroke of half time.

The U's grew into the second half as Luke Williams's side sat deeper to protect their lead. It was a risky approach and on 70 minutes United scored the goal they had been threatening.

A flying Marvin Johnson charged down the left after being played in by

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